

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 837

asked on 17 June 2021

MR R STEVENS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON D FARMER) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a list of all former TAFE sites currently owned or leased by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training together with the maintenance and security costs for each site for the 2018-19 to 2020-21 financial years and the dates that each site became vacant?

ANSWER:

The state owns and maintains three former TAFE sites, which were all closed down by the former LNP Government.

The three sites are at Southport (Ridgeway) on the Gold Coast, Tewantin on the Sunshine Coast and Oakhurst just outside Maryborough.

Between 2018-19 and 2020-21, the maintenance and security costs at each site are as follows:

FORMER RIDGEWAY TAFE CAMPUS

- The former LNP Government vacated and closed down the Ridgeway TAFE campus in 2012.
- Maintenance and security costs for the site were \$524,181 in 2018-19, \$501,073 in 2019-20 and \$1,091,541 in 2020-21.
- The increase in costs in 2020-21 are due to important works at the site including the demolition of buildings, cleaning up the site and removal of contaminants.
- The remediation works is part of the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to the Southport community in ensuring this site is kept in public ownership and is retained for community use.
- These additional works have now reduced the forward costs of the Ridgeway site to about \$77,000 per annum.

FORMER TEWANTIN TAFE CAMPUS

- The former LNP Government vacated and closed down the Tewantin TAFE campus in mid-2014.

- Maintenance and security costs for the site were \$113,437 in 2018-19, \$146,971 in 2019-20 and \$105,086 in 2020-21.
- The Palaszczuk Government continues to work with community representatives, the Kabi Kabi people and other stakeholders to find a suitable use for the site that reflects the Noosa and Tewantin communities' expectations.

FORMER MARYBOROUGH TAFE CAMPUS

- The former LNP Government closed down the former Maryborough (Nagel Street) TAFE campus in 2014
- Maintenance and security costs for the site were \$154,000 in 2018-19, \$576,210 in 2019-20 and \$184,759 in 2020-21.
- Security and repair due to vandalism have varied costs from year to year at this site.
- The Palaszczuk Government continues to engage industry and community to support future uses for this site, particularly to support the economic growth and development of the region.