

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 387

asked on 10 May 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the numbers of apprentices and trainees directly employed by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training for each financial year during the period 2016-17 to 2020-21 (reported separately for each year and broken down by apprentice and trainee qualification)?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to ensuring Queenslanders have access to quality, supportive and affordable training. We know that as one of the state's largest employers, the State Government also needs to do its part to provide opportunities for trainees and apprentices. That's why the Palaszczuk Government currently has 580 apprentices and trainees employed in-training across the state.

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training's (DESBT) purpose is to support Queensland's future workforce by connecting all Queenslanders to learning opportunities through quality training, employment opportunities and by helping small businesses.

While DESBT offers a range of career opportunities across Queensland, and provides apprenticeship and traineeship information, support and advice to all stakeholders, the scope of the work of the department does not necessitate, or provide significant opportunity for, the provision of trade training.

With this in mind, it can be advised that DESBT employed a total of six trainees undertaking the Certificate III in Business Administration in the period 2017-18 to 2020-21. The breakdown is as follows:

2017-18	3
2019-20	2
2020-21	1

The department did not employ apprentices during the period 2017-18 to 2020-21, noting the advice above regarding the scope of the department's work.

DESBT was created in December 2017 and therefore the above data is from 2017-18 onwards.