QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 495

asked on 24 May 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the $4m Energy Strategy—

Will the Minister provide (a) a breakdown of the $4m, (b) a list of courses and (c) where these courses will be offered?

ANSWER:

The $4 million of the Energy Strategy, under the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Emerging Industries (VEI) initiative consists of $1 million Electric Vehicle Skills Fund; $1 million Hydrogen Skills Fund; and $2 million TAFE Renewable Energy Strategy.

The VEI initiative will invest $15 million to invest in the skilled workers needed by our state with a focus on the agribusiness, energy, manufacturing, and screen and digital sectors. The initiative will develop flexible strategies to complement the government's $1 billion investment in Training and Skills across a variety of industry areas and occupations.

The four sectors chosen are priority industries that will require new skills, potentially provide Queenslanders with future employment opportunities, and support the government's economic recovery and industry priorities.

The initiative will be industry-led, with key stakeholders invited to participate on working groups that will prioritise the funding available through these skills funds. Outcomes could include a mixture of nationally recognised training (or VET), skill sets, micro-credentials and workforce development.

Work has commenced on each of the streams of work, with possible projects in the process of being prioritised by these industry working groups.