

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 730

asked on 24 June 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 government's Free TAFE for Under 25s program—

Will the Minister advise for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 and during the period 1 July 2021 to 10 May 2022 (reported separately for each period and broken down by qualification) the number of students (a) who commenced training in a qualification but are no longer undertaking training and did not complete that qualification, (b) still undergoing training in their commencement qualification and (c) who commenced training in a qualification but transferred to another qualification prior to completion?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government provides accessible and affordable vocational education and training (VET) programs that support individuals to participate in training and develop skills that lead to sustainable employment.

As outlined in the response to Question on Notice No. 428 that was asked on 11 May 2022, the Free TAFE for under 25s initiative allows young people and school leavers up to the age of 25 years to choose to undertake one of 26 priority certificate level qualifications for free through either TAFE Queensland or CQUniversity.

The data requested regarding non-completions is not collected by the department and this approach is consistent with the national reporting standard.

The information that was provided in the response to Question on Notice No. 428 is the most comprehensive data that is able to be provided in relation to this question for the time periods listed. An updated summary of this data as at 12 July 2022 is provided in the table below.

Period	Enrolments	Awards
1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021	1,520	478
1 July 2021 to 10 May 2022	2,329	597

Please note that the updates in data provided in this response are as a result of data updates that are regularly provided to the department from registered training organisations.