

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 888

asked on 30 August 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 Free TAFE for under 25's Initiative—

Will the Minister advise as at 30 August 2022, the total number of students (a) funded, (b) who successfully completed their course and (c) who are still studying?

ANSWER:

As outlined in Questions on Notice No. 428 and No. 730, from 1 January 2021, Free TAFE for under 25s was made available to eligible Queenslanders to enrol in priority certificate III qualifications available at TAFE Queensland and Central Queensland University.

Under the Free TAFE and Free apprenticeships programs, over 57,000 young Queenslanders have been supported to date.

As at 30 August 2022, the total number of students funded through Free TAFE for under 25s is 5121. Of those, the department has been advised that 1195 have successfully completed their course, with a further 1571 students still undertaking training.

Queensland's 57.6% completion rate for all apprentices and trainees is above the national completion rate of 55.7%.