

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1221

asked on Wednesday, 11 October 2023

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**MR B MICKELBERG** ASKED MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS, MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

### QUESTION:

With reference to the State Government's Training Policy Administration System (TPAS) and for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023—

Will the Minister advise (detailed separately by Principal Procurement Agency [PPA]) (a) the total number of eligible projects required to comply with the Queensland Government's Building and Construction Training Policy, (b) the number of training policy variations approved after contract acceptance, (c) the number of training policy variations approved pretender acceptance, (d) the number of declined training policy variations and (e) the number of Principal Contractors who did not meet the contract agreed hours requirement for an eligible project?

### ANSWER:

The Queensland Government Building and Construction Training Policy (Training Policy) requires contractors to employ apprentices and trainees and undertake other workforce training as a mandated component of being awarded work on eligible Queensland Government projects.

- a) Total eligible training projects between 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 is 424.
- b) Number of post tender contract variations is 30.
- c) Number of pretender contract variations is 14.
- d) Number of declined variations is zero.
- e) Scheduled to be confirmed in early 2024.

Ensuring contractor compliance with the Training Policy and the enforcement of appropriate contractual obligations in the event of non-compliance is the responsibility of the relevant Queensland Government agency or Government Owned Corporation (GOC). As part of the finalisation of each financial year reporting, the Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training (DYJESBT) provides reports to agencies on contractor non-compliance as at 30 June 2023. This process includes seeking confirmation on the reported non-compliance and if the non-compliance is accurate, the steps agencies have taken in addressing contractor non-compliance. The finalisation of this process is anticipated to be completed by early 2024 at which time the actual projects that did not meet the requirements are confirmed.

Variations to the deemed hours requirement of the Training Policy are approved by DYJESBT with the recommendation of the relevant Queensland Government agency or GOC and Management Procurement agency (if applicable).

Variations are considered and granted where appropriate when the scope of work on a project falls outside of deemed materials, labour ratios and cost of labour calculations. For example, considerable amounts of night works; shift work and other factors increasing the cost of labour. The project may also be impacted by unforeseen or changes in the scope of work for example, more off-site prefabricated materials; design changes; and other factors impacting on the nature of the works that reduce the number of labour hours available.

Principal Procurement Agencies names are reported as the departmental name at the time of contract acceptance. The following is eligible Training Policy projects by Principal Procurement Agency between 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

- Arts Queensland – two projects, no variations sought.
- Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service – three projects, no variations sought.
- Childrens Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service – three projects, one post contract acceptance was sought and approved.
- Department of Agriculture and Fisheries – two projects, no variations sought.
- Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs – six projects, one post contract acceptance variation sought and approved.
- Department of Communities, Housing and the Digital Economy – 26 projects, no variations sought.
- Department of Education – 181, nine post contract acceptance variations sought and approved.
- Department of Employment, Small Business and Training – 11 projects, one post contract acceptance variation sought and approved.
- Department of Energy and Public Works – seven projects, two post contract acceptance variations sought and approved.
- Department of Environment and Science – two projects, no variations were sought.
- Queensland Health – five projects, no variations sought.
- Department of Housing and Public Works – six projects, no variations sought.
- Department of Justice and Attorney-General, two projects, no variations sought.
- Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning – 12 projects, one post contract acceptance variation sought and approved
- Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning – one project, one post contract acceptance sought and approved.
- Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport – two projects, no variation sought.
- Department of Transports and Main Roads – 106 projects, 14 pretender contract acceptance variations sought and approved, seven post contract acceptance variations sought and approved.
- Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service – two projects, no variations sought.
- Gold Coast Waterways Authority – one project, no variation sought.
- Griffith University – three projects, no variations sought.

- Mackay Hospital and Health Service – one project, no variation sought.
- Metro North Hospital and Health Service – four projects, , no variations sought.
- Metro South Hospital and Health Service – five projects, two post contract acceptance variations sought and approved.
- Queensland Ambulance Service – three projects, one post contract variation sought and approved.
- Queensland Corrective Services – four projects, no variations sought.
- Queensland Fire and Emergency Services – one project, no variation sought.
- Queensland Museum – one project, no variation sought.
- Queensland Police Service – five projects, one post contract acceptance variation sought and approved.
- Queensland Rail Limited – four projects, no variations sought.
- SEQ Water – three projects, one post contract variation sought and approved.
- South West Hospital and Health Service – one project, no variation sought.
- Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service – two projects, no variations sought.
- Townsville Hospital and Health Service – two projects, no variations sought.
- West Moreton Hospital and Health Service – one project, no variation sought.
- Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service – four projects, two post contract acceptance variations sought and approved.