

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1524

asked on 28 November 2023

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**MR B HEAD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR WATER (HON G BUTCHER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of apprentices and trainees directly employed by the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water as of 30 September 2023 (reported separately by vocational qualification)?

ANSWER:

In relation to the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water, I am advised that while my department is supportive of the employment of apprentices and trainees and offers a wide range of career opportunities, the scope of work of the department does not necessitate or raise opportunities for the provision of apprentices and trainees.

The Queensland Government's state-owned water entities employ trainees and apprentices. Projects funded by the Queensland Government, and delivered by these entities, provide fantastic opportunities for apprentices and trainees to work on significant water projects across Queensland. For example, the Rookwood Weir project led by Sunwater has employed 32 trainees and apprentices since the project commenced. Rookwood Weir's trainee roles included administrative activities, while apprentices were focussed on concreting, form setting and steel rigging.