

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1600

asked on Thursday 30 November 2023

MR A POWELL ASKED MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS, MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of apprentices and trainees directly employed by the Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training as at 30 September 2023 (reported separately by vocational qualification)?

ANSWER: [MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON L MCCALLUM)]

On the 18 December 2023, I was appointed the Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development, and as such, I am now the responsible Minister to answer this Question.

The Miles Labor Government supports Queensland's future workforce by connecting Queenslanders to learning opportunities through quality training, employment opportunities.

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training works across government and with industry to get more Queenslanders into apprenticeships and traineeships.

Since 2015, over 166,000 Queenslanders have taken up apprenticeships and over 227,000 have taken up traineeships. Over 12,000 of these are with government departments and corporations.

This represents a 20 percentage point increase in average growth per year compared to the 2012 to 2015 period (when average growth per year was -16.7%).

As at 30 September 2023 there were 548 apprentices/trainees in State Government Departments and a further 279 in Government Owned Enterprises, totalling 827 apprentices/trainees.

During this same period, TAFE Queensland, an independent statutory organisation within my portfolio was the supervising registered training organisation for 28,601 apprentices/trainees.

As at 30 September 2023, the former Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training has employed one Certificate III in Business Administration

trainee and two trainees in Certificate IV Information Technology trainees within the department.