

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1624

asked on Thursday, 30 November 2023

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**MR N DAMETTO** 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 Ingham TAFE campus that has been underutilised for many years and has been reviewed by Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training —

Will the Minister advise when the Ingham TAFE Campus Optimisation Strategy will be released?

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

On 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 Department of Employment, Small Business and Training is committed to working closely with TAFE Queensland to provide world-class, public training and skilling for Queenslanders, including through the Ingham TAFE.

In 2023 senior departmental officers in conjunction with the General Manager of TAFE Queensland North Region held a consultation workshop at the Ingham TAFE with community stakeholders and leaders to help identify future opportunities for Ingham TAFE.

Subsequently, a further session was held which included both the CEO and CFO of TAFE Queensland.

The stakeholder feedback from these sessions are currently being considered and will help inform the Campus Optimisation Strategy which is expected to be released in 2024.

I acknowledge and thank the Member for his advocacy regarding the Ingham TAFE and invite him to contact my office should he be interested in a further briefing.