

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 801

asked on Thursday, 15 June 2023

MRS D FRECKLINGTON 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 Agribusiness Gateway to Industry Schools Program being run at Kilcoy SHS, Toogoolawah SHS, Kingaroy SHS, Kilkivan P-10 and Saint Mary's Catholic College (Kingaroy)—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many students participated in this program between 2018 and 2022 and (b) how much funding is provided to these schools on an annual basis to run the program?

ANSWER:

(a) how many students participated in this program between 2018 and 2022?

- As at 2022, all of the five schools, including Kilcoy State High School, Toogoolawah State High School, Kingaroy State High School, Kilkivan P-10 and Saint Mary's Catholic College (Kingaroy), participate in the AGISP. Total student participation from these schools is over 600 students.

(b) how much funding is provided to these schools on an annual basis to run the program?

- No funding is provided directly to schools by the Department of Youth Justice Employment Small Business and Training (DYJESBT).
- DYJESBT funds the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) to deliver the AGISP.
- Since 2019, all schools that join AGISP are eligible to apply for Small Grants. DAF utilise the Gateway to Industry Schools Program (GISP) funds provided by DYJESBT to fund the Small Grants.
- The applications for Small Grants are assessed by a panel comprising Queensland Farmers' Federation, AgForce and DAF.
- From 2018 to 2022, funding totalled \$31,950 and was designed to grow existing agriculture programs or conduct school excursions.