

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 877

asked on 16 June 2023

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**MR N DAMETTO** ASKED THE 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 TAFE campuses located in the North Queensland region—

Will the Minister advise how many students have completed a Certificate III in Agriculture over the past five years (reported separately by campus)

### ANSWER:

Since TAFE Queensland commenced delivery of the Certificate III in Agriculture in 2018 (previously delivered by the Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges), over 250 students have completed the qualification across the state.

At the Cairns, Walkamin, Bowen, Townsville and Burdekin campuses in the North Queensland region, a range of Agriculture courses and skillsets are delivered, in addition to the Certificate III in Agriculture.

These include, but are not limited to, the Certificate II and III in Rural Operations and Certificate III in Production Horticulture, as well as skillsets such as Operate and Maintain Chainsaws and Fell Small Trees, Chemical Application for Agriculture, Operate Side-by-Side Utility Vehicles, and Machinery Wash Down.

In 2021-22 financial year there was a total of 157 unique student enrolments in Agriculture courses and skillsets at these campuses. This has grown to 190 unique student enrolments in the 2022-23 financial year, a 21 per cent increase in enrolments.

Over the past five years in the North Queensland region, two students from Charters Towers campus, two students from Walkamin campus and two students from Cairns campus have successfully completed a Certificate III in Agriculture at TAFE Queensland.