QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Thursday, 24 August 2023

MR D LAST 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, since its opening, the number of students who have enrolled in courses and the number of students who have successfully completed courses at the Agricultural Centre of Excellence in Bowen?

ANSWER:

The TAFE Queensland Bowen Agriculture Centre of Excellence is part of the Palaszczuk Government's \$100 million Equipping TAFE for our Future initiative. These facilities will enable Queensland students to train in growing and emerging industries such as cyber security and defence, advanced manufacturing, robotics and agriculture.

The Agriculture Centre of Excellence in Bowen offers training in study areas including Production Horticulture, Agriculture, Rural Operations, Forklift, Engine Maintenance, Cyber Security and Laboratory Technology, in addition to existing courses such as aged care, community services or early childhood education and care.

Since its opening in February 2023, 128 students have enrolled in courses delivered at the campus. So far, 28 students have completed their course.