

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 345

asked on Thursday, 21 March 2024

MR B MICKELBERG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON L MCCALLUM) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Bowen TAFE upgrade and the Agricultural Centre of Excellence that was opened in January 2023 —

Will the Minister provide (a) a list of additional courses being offered due to the upgrade and (b) student enrolment numbers for each qualification, skillset, or micro-credential (reported separately) as at 21 March 2024?

ANSWER:

The Miles Government is delivering vital infrastructure, securing our energy transition and delivering a generation's worth of good secure, local jobs through our Big Build. This builds on the infrastructure we have already delivered, like the new Agricultural Centre of Excellence at the Bowen TAFE Campus. These state-of-the-art facilities will be ground zero for delivering more skilled agricultural workers to meet our state's primary industry needs.

Under the new Miles Government we have recently celebrated 14,000 students enrolling in Free TAFE in 2024.

TAFE Queensland advises that courses being offered at Bowen TAFE campus, including additional courses being offered at the Agricultural Centre of Excellence, are:

Certificate II in Engineering Pathways, Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation, Diploma of Nursing, CPR Skill Set, Certificate II in Rural Operations, Certificate III in Agriculture, Certificate I in Skills for Education and Training Pathways, Licence to Operate a Forklift Truck Skill Set, Course in Skills to Develop Learning Pathways, Certificate III in Individual Support, Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care, Operate Side-by-Side Utility Vehicles Skill Set, Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade (Boilermaking/Welding), Certificate II in Skills for Education Training and Employment Pathways, Certificate II in Engineering, Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology, First Aid and CPR Skill Set, Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade (Fitting), Course in Skills to Access Learning Pathways, Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade (Fitting/machining), Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, Non-Accredited Course - Work Health Safety, Communication, Planning and Problem, Certificate II in Horticulture, Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology, Operate and Maintain Chainsaws Skill Set, Certificate III in Rural Operations, Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start), Childcare First Aid and CPR Skill Set, Certificate III in Horticulture, Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade, Operate and Maintain Chainsaws and Fell Small Trees Skill Set, Certificate II in Skills for Education, Training

and Employment Pathways, Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade, Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

TAFE Queensland also advises that student enrolment numbers as at 21 March 2024 excluding courses being offered for which there are no current enrolments at Bowen TAFE Campus are:

Diploma of Nursing - 33, Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing) - 21, CPR Skill Set -16, Certificate II in Rural Operations - 16, Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation - 14, Certificate III in Agriculture - 13, Certificate II in Engineering Pathways - 12, Certificate I in Skills for Education and Training Pathways - 6, Course in Skills to Develop Learning Pathways - 6, Certificate III in Engineering - Fabrication Trade (Boilermaking/Welding) - 6, Certificate II in Skills for Education Training and Employment Pathways - 4, Licence to Operate a Forklift Truck Skill Set - 3, Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care - 3, Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade (Fitting) - 3, Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology - 3, Certificate II in Engineering - 2, Course in Skills to Access Learning Pathways - 2, Certificate III in Individual Support - 2, Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade (Fitting/machining) - 1, Certificate II in Agriculture – 1.