

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 892

asked on Tuesday, 20 August 2024

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the State Government's recent announcement of \$15m funding for the establishment of a privately owned CQ Renewable Energy Training Facility in Rockhampton—

Will the Minister advise (a) if funding for the project is allocated within the State Government's Good Jobs, Great Training Skills Strategy 2024-2028 and (b) if so, the amount of funding allocated (reported separately by financial year for the duration of the strategy)?

ANSWER:

The Miles Government is committed to ensuring Queenslanders have access to world class, industry-approved training in critical, emerging and growth industries.

In 2024, the Miles Government's Big Build has grown to a record \$107.262 billion capital program over the next four years to build more schools, hospitals, roads and assist Queensland's energy transition and path to net zero.

In 2022, the Government also released the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, which forecast Queensland's electricity system will be 70 per cent renewable in 2032, rising to 80 per cent in 2035. With a forecast investment of \$66 billion from 2022, the energy transformation driving investment and new opportunities in Queensland will drive greater workforce needs. This means 100,000 new jobs by 2040, with 70 per cent of future clean energy jobs expected to be in regional Queensland.

The *Good Jobs, Great Training: Queensland Skills Strategy 2024-2028* commits to skills for good jobs aligned with economic opportunity, which includes clean energy.

The investment of \$15 million to establish the CQ Renewable Energy Training Facility will help support workforce development in Central Queensland and is in addition to the \$370 million uplift announced as part of the Strategy. This additional investment reflects the Miles Government's commitment to establishing a framework for industry-led training and workforce development to ensure that the state keeps pace with industry demand and its rapidly evolving needs.