

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 768

asked on Wednesday, 25 June 2025

MR J KELLY ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the total funding to be expended over the forward estimates from 2025-26 on the Fee-Free TAFE initiative (reported separately by financial year)?

ANSWER:

The current Federation Funding Agreement negotiated with the Australian Government runs from 2024-2026 (calendar years), so funding beyond 2026 will be the subject of a future negotiation process with the Australian Government.

Noting that Fee-Free TAFE is a demand-driven program:

2025-26 – a minimum of \$67.184m

2026-27 – a minimum of \$51.002m