

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 972**

**Asked on Thursday, 28 August 2025**

**MRS C MULLEN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY, MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS, AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURALISM (HON F SIMPSON)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Interpreter Training Boost Program—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many scholarships have been provided since the Program's introduction and (b) whether there is any ongoing funding allocated in the 2025-26 budget (and forwards) for those who wish to undertake training for working as an interpreter in priority languages?

**ANSWER:**

The Interpreter Training Boost Program was established over four years from 1 December 2021 to 30 June 2025 to provide opportunities for at least 110 Queensland participants to gain National Accreditation Authority of Translators and Interpreters certification to work as an interpreter in priority languages and deliver better communication outcomes for multicultural communities.

- (a) Over the course of the program, 151 participants enrolled, and 103 participants successfully completed the course.
- (b) The Interpreter Training Boost Program funding ceased on 30 June 2025. However, the Queensland Government continues to support interpreters into the Language Services Industry through the Department of Trade, Employment and Training's Workforce Connect Fund, which funds the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland, Brisbane based 2M Language Services and Settlement Services International, to deliver the Interpreter Employment Success Program.