

Question on Notice

No. 139

Asked on Tuesday, 3 March 2026

MS C MULLEN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (HON S O'CONNOR)—

QUESTION:

With reference to an announcement by the former Labor Government in 2019 to grow QBuild to 1,000 trade and apprentice positions by 2026 and 1,500 positions by 2029 following more than 1,600 job losses under the former LNP Government—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the Crisafulli LNP Government commits to the same, fewer, or more trade and apprentice positions than Labor's targets and (b) if different to Labor's targets, what are the revised numerical targets for 2026 and 2029?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is continuing to invest in our frontline workforce of tradespeople and apprentices to deliver and maintain the schools, social housing, police stations and public infrastructure Queenslanders need.

Since 1 November 2024, the number of QBuild trade qualified and apprentice positions has grown by 40%.

The Government is investing in a record apprentice intake, welcoming 79 new apprentices in 2025-26 – the largest intake since 2002. This includes 21 new female apprentices, increasing the proportion of women in our apprentice workforce to a record 26%, as part of our commitment to supporting more women into construction careers.