

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 165

asked on Wednesday, 4 March 2026

MR M HEALY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program—

Will the Minister advise the reason for significant adjustments in the allocation to RTOs in Deception Bay, in particular the shift in funding from \$2,295,000 for 262 participants (52 traineeships) in 2024-25 to \$491,400 for 86 participants (8 traineeships) in 2025-26?

ANSWER:

Based on the question asked by the Member for Cairns, there is a misunderstanding from the member of how Skilling Queenslanders for Work funding is allocated. Prior to 2025-26, private RTOs were not eligible to apply for Skilling Queenslanders for Work grant funding.

No funding was “allocated” to RTOs in 2024-25 and therefore data from this financial year is unable to be accurately compared to 2025-26.

I am pleased to advise that overall investment in Deception Bay remains strong. For 2025-26 Skilling Queenslanders for Work funding includes nine projects in Deception Bay worth \$2.43 million to assist 426 participants.