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Palaszczuk Government announces funding commitment to VET sector

Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Minister for Training and Skills, The Hon Yvette D'Ath has opened the final day of the Australian Council for Private Education and Training's (ACPET) National Conference by announcing

\$768.9 million of funding for Queensland's 2017-18 Annual Vocational Education and Training (VET).

Mrs D'Ath made the funding announcement after reaffirming the state government's commitment to offering Queenslanders a world-class VET system.

"This year's \$768.9 million VET Investment Plan will retain significant investment in apprenticeships and traineeships, certificate III and higher-level qualifications, with \$498.7 million allocated for these areas.

"As well as a strong focus on maintaining quality and compliance across the VET system, the plan will allow the introduction of longer term contracts for the delivery of training to apprentices and trainees, to provide more certainty for businesses to invest in their future.

"This government recognises the role VET plays in the individuals lives and also the state economy, thus we cannot talk about jobs without talking about training," she said.

Mrs D'Ath congratulated ACPET on their 25-year contribution to education and training in Queensland and said that the Palaszczuk Government will continue to work with the organisation along with the Federal Government to plan for the future direction of national training policies.

ACPET CEO Rod Camm said that he was grateful for the Palaszczuk Government's support of both the 2017 ACPET National Conference and their commitment to advancing Queensland into becoming world-class leaders in VET.

"I would like to thank The Hon Yvette D'Ath, and the Queensland Government for recognising the importance of the VET sector in maintaining a healthy and prosperous economy,

"By offering public training providers \$209.7 million in grants, the plan announced this morning will help the state to work towards the vision to become world-class VET providers,

"We look forward to continuing to work with the state government to further enhance Queensland's reputation within the sector." he said.

The APIEF and ACPET National Conference (23-25 August) concludes this afternoon following a full day of addresses from industry leaders and experts.

Ends.

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