TasTAFE Laboratory Technician Course

Ms BURNET question to MINISTER for SKILLS and JOBS

My question is from Margie of South Hobart. The last class for the TasTAFE laboratory technician course has now been held. The students will graduate in March next year and Margie's daughter will be one of them. In the past two years she's gained exceptional practical skills in laboratory technical operations. Unless you do something now, the lab will be dismantled and the teachers will be lost to TAFE, and from next year, new students in this field will be forced to do online learning in a field that is as practical as bricklaying, concrete pouring or any type of building. The new cohort of trained lab technicians will have no practical skills. Imagine if we had builders turn up to work on the stadium who only learnt their building skills online. Minister, will you commit to the course, stop the lab from being dismantled and keep the teachers to train up the next cohort of young Tasmanians in these vital skills?