

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1118**  
**Asked on 29 September 2004**

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for Education and the Arts -

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the public schools in the Nanango Electorate-

- (1) How many complaints of abuse per school were perpetrated by Queensland Education employees against students in 2002, 2003 and 2004?
- (2) What action was taken to investigate each?
- (3) What action was taken against the perpetrator of the abuse?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) The Following figures show the number of complaints of abuse of either a sexual or physical nature in the Nanango Electorate in 2002, 2003 and 2004. It is important to note that the majority of complaints could not be substantiated. The complaints listed range from relatively minor ones such as a staff member physically restraining a student to more serious ones such as allegations of sexual abuse which have been referred to the Queensland Police service for investigation. Schools have not been identified by name to ensure the protection of any child/family who may have made a complaint, especially if police are involved in the investigation.

School	Students Enrolled	2002	2003	2004	Total
School 1	35	-	-	-	-
School 2	180	1	2	-	3
School 3	99	-	-	-	-
School 4	37	-	-	-	-
School 5	174	2	-	-	2
School 6	23	-	-	-	-
School 7	16	-	-	-	-
School 8	248	-	-	2	2
School 9	275	-	-	1	1
School 10	894	1	-	1	2
School 11	539	2	-	-	2
School 12	100	-	-	1	1
School 13	19	-	1	2	3
School 14	21	-	-	-	-
School 15	19	-	-	-	-
School 16	83	-	-	2	2
School 17	90	-	-	-	-
School 18	506	-	-	-	-
School 19	529	-	-	1	1
School 20	61	-	-	-	-
School 21	427	-	-	-	-
School 22	39	-	-	-	-
School 23	271	-	2	2	4
School 24	221	-	-	1	1
School 25	480	-	1	-	1
School 26	63	-	-	-	-
School 27	269	1	-	4	5
<b>Total</b>		7	6	17	<b>30</b>

- (2) Three complaints are being investigated by the Queensland Police Service, whilst the rest were or are being investigated by Departmental officers.
- (3) Of the 30 complaints, 11 were unsubstantiated, 9 are still being investigated, 9 resulted in the employee being warned about their behaviour, or the Principal taking corrective management action. In one case the teacher was officially disciplined.