

**Question on Notice
No. 578
Asked on 20 May 2004**

MR LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh)—

QUESTION:

Will she provide the (a) total number of students who completed Grade 10 through State schools for 2002 and 2003 (reported separately), (b) total number of students who completed Grade 10 in State schools in 2002 who commenced Year 11 in 2003 and the total number of students who completed Grade 10 in State schools in 2003 who commenced Year 11 in 2004 and (c) estimated Year 12 'Retention Rate' as calculated in the State Government Budget Paper's 'outputs' for the end of the 2004 school year?

ANSWER:

(a) and (b)

A full census of state school students is carried out in July / August of each year. Based on the August 2002 and 2003 collections the following number of full-time state Year 10 students, and Year 11 students in 2003, were present.

	Year 10	Year 11
2002	32,481	
2003	33,335	28,681
2004		not yet available

The figures in the above table do not account for the movement of students into and out of the state system, between state and non-state sectors, between the state system and the TAFE system, and between Queensland and other States.

(c) Based on preliminary State-wide enrolment forecasts for 2004 the estimated state school Year 8 to Year 12 apparent retention rate, as referenced in the Ministerial Portfolio Statements Budget 2004-05 p1-43, for 2004 is 77%.