

**Question on Notice
No. 769
Asked on 18 June 2004**

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) -

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice 453 of 2003 –

For each Education Queensland region and as a State-wide total, will she detail for each of the last two years and for the year to date (a) the total number of State High School enrolments, (b) the total number of full-time equivalent guidance officers and (c) the ratio of guidance officers to students?

ANSWER:

- (a) A count of secondary student numbers by State education district for the Years 2002 to 2004 is shown in Attachment 1. July census figures are used for 2002 and 2003. February Effective Enrolment figures are used for 2004 (these enrolments are preliminary only, and will be finalised by the July 2004 Census).
- (b) A count of full-time equivalent Guidance Officers (including Senior Guidance Officers) by State education district per year is shown in Attachment 2.
- (c) Guidance Officer (GO) and Senior Guidance Officer (SGO) numbers are allocated to districts according to total student enrolments. The ratios for the 2002 to 2004 years are as follows (this data includes preschool, primary and secondary students):

	2002	2003	2004
GO / SGO numbers	477.7	485.7	482.9
Student enrolments	475 717	480 608	485 991*
Ratios	995.8	989.5	1 006.4

* February 2004 enrolments

The ratios for each education district are shown in Attachment 2.

While the ratios are calculated on the number of Guidance Officers to total students (because all State school students have access to Guidance Officers) secondary school students receive proportionally more services than other sectors.

It should be noted that:

- With the availability of the July 2003 Census figures, the ratios for 2003 have been updated and are different to those in the response to Question on Notice 453.
- The ratios are based on the total 'actual' numbers of guidance and senior guidance officers derived from the full range of funding sources available to schools / districts through Education Queensland's payroll system. The count of Guidance Officers and Senior Guidance Officers was as of March each year.
- Additional funding of \$0.9m has been allocated for 2004-05 to employ and train up to 9 additional senior guidance officers to participate in suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) activities. This initiative is part of the Government's response to the outcomes of the CMC report *Protecting Children*. Funding for this initiative will total \$4.6 million by 2008.

- Guidance officers do not represent the full range of career advice and counselling services available to teachers, students and communities. There are also 300 behaviour management teachers, 121 school nurses and 19 school based police, as well as web based information provided by the Queensland Studies Authority. The government will provide a further 16 school based police and 15 school based nurses over three years.
- The government has also funded an additional 100 Youth Support Coordinator positions, whose role is to prevent young people at risk from disengaging prematurely from education or training. This is an Education and Training Reform initiative.

ATTACHMENT 1 (See Notes Below)

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS - QUEENSLAND STATE SCHOOL 2002-2004

District	2002	2003	2004
BAYSIDE	6 344	6 485	6 739
BUNDABERG	3 823	3 892	4 123
CAIRNS AND CAPE	6 527	6 847	7 383
CHINCHILLA	930	925	932
COOPERS PLAINS	9 380	9 329	9 499
CORINDA	6 216	6 558	6 934
DARLING DOWNS	1 772	1 734	1 800
EMERALD	1 627	1 606	1 663
FRASER-COOLoola	5 043	5 137	5 247
GEEBUNG	8 331	8 427	8 751
GLADSTONE	3 517	3 603	3 800
GOLD COAST NORTH	8 190	8 771	9 418
GOLD COAST SOUTH	7 770	8 062	8 463
IPSWICH	3 983	4 189	4 516
ISIS-BURNETT	1 688	1 727	1 856
LOGAN-BEAUDESERT	7 697	7 672	7 764
LONGREACH	599	579	594
MACKAY	6 334	6 404	6 752
MOOLOOLABA	7 931	7 989	8 430
MOUNT GRAVATT	4 587	4 726	4 715
MOUNT ISA	1 135	1 293	1 196
MURRUMBA DOWNS	10 465	10 825	11 470
NAMBOUR	5 828	5 903	6 066
ROCKHAMPTON	3 556	3 530	3 672
ROMA	949	962	996
SOUTH BURNETT	1 940	2 023	2 185
STAFFORD	6 341	6 371	6 548
TABLELANDS-JOHNSTONE	3 697	3 622	3 716
TOOWOOMBA	4 491	4 603	4 886
TORRES STRAIT	456	478	545
TOWNSVILLE	8 248	8 417	8 580
WARWICK	2 147	2 132	2 304
WEST MORETON	3 037	3 022	3 142
Totals	154 579	157 843	164 685

Notes:

1. 2002 and 2003 enrolments are from the annual July Census.
2. 2004 enrolments are based on February Effective Enrolment Collection data. They are preliminary only and will be finalised by the July 2004 Census.
3. As the February Effective Enrolment collection does not include enrolments at the Brisbane School of Distance Education (BSDE), Stafford District enrolments for 2004 have been adjusted to include an estimate of BSDE enrolments based on the July 2003 enrolments.

ATTACHMENT 2 (See notes below)

GUIDANCE OFFICER RATIOS BY DISTRICT, 2002-2004

District	2002			2003			2004		
	Total Enrolments	GO	Ratio: Enrolment /GO	Total Enrolments	GO	Ratio: Enrolment /GO	Total Enrolments	GO	Ratio: Enrolment /GO
BAYSIDE	20 504	18.5	1 108.3	20 587	19.0	1 083.5	20 552	17.3	1 188.0
BUNDEBERG	11 965	11.4	1 049.6	12 038	9.8	1 228.4	12 193	10.2	1 195.4
CAIRNS AND CAPE	19 903	18.5	1 075.8	20 396	21.7	939.9	20 863	20.5	1 017.7
CHINCHILLA	2 890	3.0	963.3	2 830	5.0	566.0	2 754	3.4	810.0
COOPERS PLAINS	27 304	23.0	1 187.1	27 464	24.0	1 144.3	27 576	24.2	1 139.5
CORINDA	20 723	21.6	959.4	21 463	21.8	984.5	21 927	25.0	877.1
DARLING DOWNS	7 043	8.0	880.4	7 068	8.8	803.2	7 091	9.0	787.9
EMERALD	5 822	7.0	831.7	5 816	7.0	830.9	5 896	7.0	842.3
FRASER-COOLoola	13 646	11.8	1 156.4	13 900	14.0	992.9	13 998	13.8	1 014.3
GEEBUNG	25 314	26.0	973.6	25 548	26.2	975.1	25 731	24.2	1 063.3
GLADSTONE	10 262	8.4	1 221.7	10 302	9.6	1 073.1	10 436	9.7	1 075.9
GOLD COAST NORTH	25 342	18.5	1 369.8	26 239	19.5	1 345.6	27 019	22.5	1 200.8
GOLD COAST SOUTH	22 416	16.5	1 358.5	22 697	20.1	1 129.2	23 162	21.5	1 077.3
IPSWICH	15 459	13.7	1 128.4	15 662	14.9	1 051.1	15 880	15.1	1 051.7
ISIS-BURNETT	5 876	6.6	890.3	5 907	6.0	984.5	6 037	6.0	1 006.2
LOGAN-BEAUDESERT	23 876	30.3	788.0	23 952	32.6	734.7	23 874	30.7	777.7
LONGREACH	2 028	3.4	596.5	1 901	3.3	576.1	1 854	3.3	561.8
MACKAY	19 196	20.2	950.3	19 411	19.0	1 021.6	19 582	18.1	1 081.9
MOOLOOLABA	22 836	20.5	1 114.0	22 971	19.1	1 202.7	23 313	18.8	1 240.1
MOUNT GRAVATT	15 549	20.4	762.2	15 676	19.1	820.7	15 775	20.1	784.8
MOUNT ISA	4 743	4.0	1 185.8	4 731	5.0	946.2	4 661	4.0	1 165.3
MURRUMBA DOWNS	31 350	33.3	941.4	32 120	31.3	1 026.2	32 682	29.5	1 107.9
NAMBOUR	16 768	17.0	986.4	16 874	15.8	1 068.0	17 022	17.5	972.7
ROCKHAMPTON	12 286	11.2	1 097.0	12 344	10.8	1 143.0	12 461	11.0	1 132.8
ROMA	3 730	4.0	932.5	3 657	4.2	870.7	3 571	5.0	714.2
SOUTH BURNETT	5 488	7.0	784.0	5 564	7.2	772.8	5 736	5.4	1 062.2
STAFFORD	16 893	17.9	943.7	16 891	19.8	853.1	17 135	15.2	1 127.3
TABLELANDS-JOHNSTONE	9 958	13.3	748.7	9 851	13.5	729.7	9 906	12.9	767.9
TOOWOOMBA	12 946	14.1	918.2	13 067	14.1	926.7	13 310	13.9	957.6
TORRES STRAIT	2 484	2.4	1 035.0	2 547	2.4	1 061.3	2 596	3.4	763.5
TOWNSVILLE	25 107	22.6	1 110.9	25 036	21.7	1 153.7	25 045	23.4	1 070.3
WARWICK	6 320	8.1	780.2	6 364	7.1	896.3	6 533	6.8	960.7
WEST MORETON	9 690	10.8	897.2	9 734	8.9	1 093.7	9 820	9.9	991.9
Totals	475 717	473.0	1 005.7	480 608	482.3	996.5	485 991	478.3	1 016.1
UNATTACHED		4.7			3.4			4.6	
Grand Totals	475 717	477.7	995.8	480 608	485.7	989.5	485 991	482.9	1 006.4

Notes:

1. 2002 and 2003 are total enrolments from the annual July Census. The 2004 enrolments are from the February 2004 Effective Enrolment Collection.
2. Full time students only are included.
3. Sessional Preschool students with an FTE of 0.5 or higher are treated as full-time.
4. Preparatory Year trials commenced in 2003 and all students are treated as full-time.
5. 'Unattached' refers to GOs/SGOs not associated with a specific educational district.