

Question on Notice

No. 881

Asked on 18 August 2004

Mr Langbroek asked the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Ms Bligh) -

QUESTION:

Will she indicate the number of students in Queensland Education schools that are in alternative education settings due to behavioural concerns for 2002, 2003, and 2004 (year to date)?

ANSWER:

In 2003 the Department provided funding support, educational programs or resources to about 55 flexible and alternative learning services for students at risk of disengaging from learning. These provide flexible and alternative learning services for young people through both short- and long-term educational referral services within State schools, annexes to State schools, community-based youth support services with an educational component and Non-State schools.

Five of these sites form the State school Alternative Schooling Provision program. The number of students at the Alternative Schooling Provision sites recorded in July 2002, 2003 and 2004 was 82, 81 and 90 students respectively.

The Department does not centrally collect student enrolment data for the other flexible learning services as these services are operated by non-government providers.