

Question on Notice

No. 617

Asked on 10 May 2005

MS ATWOOD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

Will she show how the regionalisation of the Department of Education and the Arts will enhance the management of schools in south-east Queensland?

ANSWER:

The regionalisation of the Department of Education and the Arts will enhance the management of schools in south-east Queensland by:

- providing the future delivery and integration of consistent, quality education and corporate support services to schools
- the development of a clear model for delivery of corporate services across the Department
- defining the future role of the Regional Executive Director (Schools), with a focus on regional performance in both education and corporate services. Regional Executive Directors (Schools) will have clear responsibility for these services, including facilities, human resources and payroll services
- defining the future role of the Executive Director (Schools) with a focus on school leadership and performance. Executive Directors (Schools) will be freed of responsibility for corporate services, allowing them to concentrate on improving the performance and educational quality of schools
- reducing the points of accountability for corporate and education services delivered to schools, from 43 to 10. This will make lines of contact and responsibility between schools and corporate and education services clearer
- ensure that school principals, as the site managers of schools and the persons who best understand the educational needs of students and teachers, have a stronger role in determining priorities for future school plans.