

Question on Notice

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the legislative requirement to have electrical safety switches installed in any new buildings constructed –

- (1) How many State schools (pre, primary and high) have electrical safety switches installed?
- (2) How many State schools (pre, primary and high) do not have electrical safety switches installed?
- (3) For 2002-2003, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (year-to-date) (reported separately), how many State schools (pre, primary and high) have had electrical safety switches installed as a part of new construction?
- (4) For 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (year-to-date) (reported separately) how many State schools (pre, primary and high) have had electrical safety switches installed retrospectively?

ANSWER:

- (1) to (3) In line with relevant legislation and Australian Standards, Education Queensland has installed electrical safety switches in all new construction since September 2001.
- (4) There is no legislative requirement to retrofit safety switches to school buildings that do not currently have them. Where Education Queensland is carrying out major upgrade work that requires the replacement of the electrical switchboard, new safety switches are provided to general-purpose electrical outlets. Records of switches installed are kept at the school level.