

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 839**  
**Asked on 26 May 2005**

**Correction to Answer tabled on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

DR FLEGG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (MS BLIGH)—

**QUESTION**

With reference to her answer to Question on Notice No. 521 in regards to air and dust testing for asbestos in Queensland State Schools and to the fact that she did not answer my question in relation to listing the schools along with the test results—

Again I ask her to list the 26 schools, and for those schools that have had dust testing, list the results of all dust testing for asbestos for each school (listed individually)?

**ANSWER**

The following table outlines eight schools additional to the 26 listed previously that I am now advised were subject to dust testing.

These tests are conducted by private companies on behalf of the Department of Public Works and this information is not collected centrally.

To answer the question and to provide full transparency, the private companies were asked to provide information. This necessitated these companies reviewing their records. Information supplied in the original answer was amended on July 7 and I have now been provided with additional advice from the Department of Public Works regarding dust sampling conducted between 1 March and 20 April 2005.

The following list incorporates results of testing in the 26 schools referred to in QON 521 and the additional eight schools.

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>DUST TESTING RESULT</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Birkdale South State School	No dust present, so dust testing not required	All air monitoring negative
Boondall SS	Positive - classroom	Air monitoring normal
Capalaba State College	Negative	All air monitoring negative
Carole Park State School	Positive (Registrar and reception offices)	All air monitoring negative
Coolum State School	Positive (ceiling space.) Classrooms negative	All air monitoring negative
Durack State School	Negative	All air monitoring negative
Dutton Park State School	Negative	All air monitoring negative
Greenbank State School	No dust present, so dust testing not required	All air monitoring negative
Ipswich State High School	Positive (Head of Department office). Classrooms negative	All air monitoring negative
Keebra Park State High School	Positive (ceiling space) 3 external roof gutter debris. Classrooms negative	All air monitoring negative
Kelvin Grove College	Negative	N/a

Lockhart River SS	Negative	N/a
Manly State School	Negative	All air monitoring negative
Milton State School	Negative	All air monitoring negative
Moggill State School	Positive (ceiling spaces)	All air monitoring negative
Mount Gravatt SHS	Negative	N/a
Raceview State School	Negative	All air monitoring negative
Redbank State School	Positive (library) Classrooms negative	All air monitoring negative.
Redland Bay State School	Negative	All air monitoring negative
Samford State School	Positive (ceiling space) Classrooms negative	All air monitoring negative
Sarina State High School	Positive (2 science laboratories)	All air monitoring negative
Serviceton South State School	Positive 3 classrooms and photocopy room	All air monitoring negative
Slade Point SS and Pre-school	Negative	N/a
Sunnybank State High School	Positive 1 classroom and 2 external roof/gutter	All air monitoring negative
The Hall SS	Negative	N/a
Two Mile SS	Positive – Library,	Air monitoring normal
Upper Mt Gravatt State School	Positive (ceiling space)	All air monitoring negative.
Wellers Hill State School	Negative	All air monitoring negative
Wellington Point State School	Negative	All air monitoring negative
Wilston State School	No dust present, so dust testing not required	All air monitoring negative
Windsor State School	Positive (Administration office)	All air monitoring negative
Woodridge SHS	Negative	N/a
Wynnum North State School	Positive 6 classrooms, guidance officer's office. Positive external window ledge.	All air monitoring negative.
Yeronga State School	Negative	All air monitoring negative

In the additional two cases where asbestos was detected, full decontamination occurred, with air monitoring results consistent with normal background air quality. In both cases, parents were advised of the issue and the results. In the additional six schools where no asbestos was detected, we are advised air monitoring was not necessary.

Should any of these private companies provide further advice, it will be provided to the Parliament.

Air monitoring was conducted at all of the original 26 sites.

It is important to note that asbestos can only pose a health risk if it becomes airborne as a microscopic fibre capable of being deeply inhaled into the lungs. In all instances, air monitoring results was negative, revealing no measurable level of airborne fibre.

Classrooms and other spaces accessed by students and staff which tested positive have been thoroughly cleaned by specialist cleaners and air monitoring has confirmed these areas are safe.