

Question on Notice

No. 1015

Asked on 6 June 2006

Mr Rogers asked the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the Woody Point Special School—

- (1) Will he provide details of the therapy services offered to students annually at Woody Point for the past three years, recorded separately?
- (2) What are the allocated therapy positions, based on historical arrangements, and the contact hours allocated to the school?
- (3) What is the number of therapists who work in the school and what type of services are offered to students (i.e. speech therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy)?
- (4) What is the amount of contact therapy hours offered to each special needs student per week?

ANSWER:

(1) From 1979 to September 2005 Queensland Health was solely responsible for therapy provision at the school. From September 2005 Education Queensland allocated 1.8 full-time equivalent therapy positions to assess the level of student need for educationally related therapy services in preparation for service provision in 2006.

(2) Education Queensland provides a minimum of 10.75 hours per week in each of the following; occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech-language therapy services. This is in addition to services provided by Queensland Health.

(3) There are five Education Queensland therapists responsible for providing services. An additional allocation for speech-language therapy will be available during Semester 2 2006. Extra occupational therapy and physiotherapy services have also been directed to the school in response to current student needs. Queensland Health continues to provide health-related therapy.

(4) Data regarding the amount of Education Queensland therapy contact hours made available to each student is not collected as it is not reflective of the holistic model of therapy service provision used in the school setting.