

Question on Notice

No. 1558

Asked on 30 November 2006

MR KNUTH asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the perennial problem at Charters Towers High School relating to teacher numbers and teacher aide hours and given that at the school next year, there will be 13 students with disabilities including two students in wheelchairs; one visually impaired student; one student who suffers major seizures and requires two aides at all times; and nine students who are intellectually impaired, some of whom need one on one attention-

Will he make certain that the Charters Towers High School, and the Special Education Unit in particular, receives additional teachers and increased teacher aide hours during 2007 that will restore educational opportunities and ensure that our most vulnerable students are appropriately resourced and educated.

ANSWER:

Education Queensland is committed to supporting the educational needs of all students including those with disabilities.

Charters Towers State High School, along with all other schools, will be resourced for the 2007 school year on the basis of Day 8 2007 student enrolment levels.

However, in general terms, overall support for students with disabilities will be increased across the State in 2007 as detailed in the State Budget.