

## Question on Notice

No. 2

Asked on 6 February 2007

**MR SPRINGBORG** asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (MR WELFORD) —

### QUESTION:

With reference to the *Interim Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Queensland Schools* released by Education Queensland in November 2006

- 1) How many Queensland State Schools have full-time nurses on staff to treat students suffering from anaphylactic reactions?
- 2) How many Queensland State School teachers have received recognised training in the treatment of anaphylactic reactions?

### ANSWER:

On 3 November, 2006, I announced new guidelines to assist Queensland schools in managing students with anaphylaxis, a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. The *Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Queensland Schools* provide specific information for school staff on how to care for students diagnosed by a medical practitioner as being anaphylactic.

The guidelines provide information on the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, emergency treatment procedures and strategies for reducing the risks. There is an action plan that incorporates information and planned responses to an individual student's anaphylactic reaction. This was developed by the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy.

Education Queensland registered nurses are currently available to provide anaphylaxis information including training in the administration of emergency medication. Each region has access to up to 6 registered nurses (5.8 FTE) to deliver a comprehensive training program currently being rolled out for school staff across the state. State-wide data on the number of teachers trained in the treatment of anaphylactic reactions has not been collected centrally at this stage as the guidelines are new.

The new guidelines follow extensive consultation with peak allergy bodies, government agencies and parents and citizens associations and government. The guidelines are available from the Education Queensland website at <http://education.qld.gov.au>