

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1398**

**Asked on 6 October 2009**

**Mr McLindon** asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

**QUESTION:**

Given that both Beaudesert State High School and Veresdale Scrub State School are over capacity (102 per cent and 106 per cent respectively, with both increasing numbers into the future) in addition to those schools the Minister intends to close in the region—

Will the Minister outline what strategies and management plans he has in place to cope with increasing numbers combined with overworked and underpaid teachers in the state's second fastest growth corridor?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for his question.

The capacity numbers that are quoted in the Member's question are incorrect.

Beaudesert State High School has a capacity for 1590 students and at the July 2009 census had 1510 enrolments. This equates to a 95 per cent capacity, not 102 per cent.

Veresdale Scrub State School has a capacity for 166 students and at the July 2009 census had 133 enrolments. This equates to an 80 per cent capacity, not 106 per cent.

The Department of Education and Training constantly monitors the enrolments of all state schools and works with schools and their communities to identify long-term enrolment projections.

To cater for projected enrolment growth for the commencement of the 2010 school year, Beaudesert State High School will receive an additional 4 classrooms, while Veresdale Scrub State School will receive an additional two classrooms.