

Question on Notice
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Ms Farmer asked the Minister for Education and Industrial Relations (Mr Dick) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the successful outcomes of the teaching and learning audits conducted in the Brisbane region since their inception?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question and for her ongoing support for our education system, particularly for schools in her own electorate of Bulimba.

The Teaching and Learning Audit program focuses on auditing key curriculum, teaching, learning and assessment practices of each school. The program started in 2010 with every school in Queensland undergoing an audit.

From 2011 onwards, approximately one-quarter of schools will have an audit and a four-year cycle will commence. In terms of the Brisbane Metropolitan Region, 86 schools are scheduled to have a second audit this year.

I am advised that following each audit, a Teaching and Learning Audit report is sent to each school as well as each principal's supervisor.

Audit reports provide principals and their schools with constructive feedback about teaching and learning systems, processes and practices.

Each principal is given an opportunity to respond to the report and work with their supervisor to develop and implement supportive improvement strategies.

Individual school results are shared within each school community in order to develop clear actions to move forward.

Regions use information collated from audit reports to identify areas where individual schools and groups of schools need extra support and where necessary, regional resources will be assigned to assist schools in the implementation of agreed proposed actions.

Education Queensland is using this information to provide strategic advice on the effectiveness of our strategies and statewide plans.

The Teaching and Learning Audit program has received overwhelming support from all the key stakeholders, including the Queensland Council of Parents and Citizens' Association, the Queensland Teachers' Union and all principals' associations.