

Question on Notice

No. 396

Asked on 24 March 2011

Ms O'Neill asked the Minister for Education and Industrial Relations (Mr Dick) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what schools in the Kallangur Electorate offer English as a second language?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question and her interest in schools offering English as Second Language (ESL) in the Kallangur Electorate.

ESL programs are designed to assist students with English language difficulties to engage in effective learning.

Schools in the Kallangur Electorate offer a range of ESL assistance programs to students. These programs include integrated school-based and delivered programs involving teacher aides and class teachers, programs delivered by specialist outreach teachers and intensive English programs delivered by specialist teachers and aides in Intensive English Units.

North Coast Region has developed four Intensive English Units situated at Narangba and Nambour State Schools for primary age students; and at Dakabin and Nambour State Secondary Schools for secondary age students. These Intensive English Units are targeted toward students in the early stages of English language acquisition.

All schools in the Kallangur Electorate have access to these programs.