

Question on Notice
No. 534
Asked on 8 August 2013

Mr Dillaway asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (Mr Langbroek) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how Great Teachers = Great Results will benefit the educational outcomes of the students in the Bulimba Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring all Queensland children, including those in the Bulimba Electorate, receive a quality education.

We know from international research that student outcomes are intrinsically linked to the quality of the instruction they receive in the classroom. As such, our teachers and school leaders are our most important resource we have to give young Queenslanders the best possible start in life.

Great teachers = Great results focuses on three crucial areas; professional excellence in teaching, boosting school autonomy and strengthening discipline.

This initiative will improve the status of teachers, reward our high-performing teachers through accelerated career pathways, and enable a range of schools to have access to these high-performing teachers. It will also ensure that beginning teachers are well supported at the start of their career as they make the transition from graduate to skilled professional.

Additionally, high-performing teachers and principals will have the opportunity to be rewarded under these initiatives.

Great teachers = Great results also commits to creating 300 Master Teacher positions in schools where high-performing teachers are needed most.

These new strategies, when fully implemented, represent an additional investment of \$535 million over four years from 2015, to the already \$6 billion per annum in education funding provided by the Queensland Government.