

Question on Notice

No. 733

Asked on 17 October 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many school based youth health nurse positions have been cut (listed by school and region), given that the 17 Hospital and Health Services and Education Queensland have had to negotiate individual agreements for their employment since 30 June 2013?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) strongly supports the continued services of the School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN) program to all state secondary school students across Queensland.

The SBYHN program is a whole school preventative and health promotion program that provides a confidential health service to students and the school community. It also provides health information, assessment, intervention and links to other services as required.

As part of the reforms to the health portfolio, the operation, maintenance and support for the SBYHN program workforce is now the responsibility of each of the 17 Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) which operate as independent statutory authorities.

Service Agreements between the Department of Health and the HHSs commit to maintaining delivery of the SBYHN preventive health service program.

The SBYHN program functions through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Health and DETE.