

**Question on Notice**

**No. 791**

**Asked on 31 October 2013**

**Ms Palaszczuk** asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (MR LANGBROEK) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's recent announcement of another 54 Independent Public Schools and to Action 12 in *Great teachers=Great results*, which states that from 2014, Independent Public Schools 'will be able to outsource teaching support and educational services and generate other forms of income'—

Will the Minister guarantee that teacher aides currently employed by the State Government will not be outsourced and subject to the prospect of lower wages in the future?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

Through the Independent Public Schools initiative, the Newman Government has committed to giving 120 state schools additional autonomy over a four year period from 2013-16.

The initiative is currently ahead of schedule with the Government's recent announcement of a further 54 Independent Public Schools operating from 2014. These schools will join the 26 Independent Public Schools that commenced in January 2013.

Action 12 in *Great Teachers = Great Results* forms a key part of the Newman Government's drive to empower school principals and boost school autonomy. We want schools and school leaders to be able to direct resources to activities and programs that best address the needs of their communities. This part of our plan allows Independent Public Schools' to outsource teacher support and educational services and generate other forms of income where appropriate.

While Independent Public Schools will be empowered, they must still operate within the governance framework of state legislation, industrial instruments, directives, delegations, Whole-of-Government policy and national agreements.