

**Question on Notice**

**No. 368**

**Asked on 20 May 2014**

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

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise (in table format) for each school of distance education (a) student enrolment numbers for each of the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, school years, (b) number of teachers allocated for each of the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 school years and (c) the student-teacher ratio for each of the 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 school years?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for his question.

I am advised by my Department that the student enrolment data is publicly available information. I encourage you to go online to the Government's Open Data website at <https://data.qld.gov.au/> to access all school enrolments including enrolments for the School of Distance Education for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Based on these enrolment data, the attached document provided to me by my Department indicates the notional full-time equivalent teachers and derived student-teacher ratios for each of the Schools of Distance Education for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Allocations to the Schools of Distance Education are determined on the basis of the annual Day 8 enrolment collection in combination with the nature of the educational service delivery to individual students.

This may vary from a full service delivery where, for example, students participate in regularly grouped scheduled lessons, activity days and regular telephone or internet contact; to students who receive paper-based lessons and have minimal real-time contact with a School of Distance Education teacher.

Included in the allocations to the School of Distance Education are a full-time equivalent teacher librarian and two full-time equivalent learning support teachers.

This has been augmented to three full-time teacher librarians and four learning support teachers in the Brisbane School of Distance Education, in acknowledgement of its size compared to other Schools of Distance Education.

These resources may be further supplemented by allocations managed at the regional level of teachers of students with disabilities and other specialist support teachers provided to assist students at risk of not achieving at school.

## 2010-2014 SDE ENROLMENTS, TEACHING STAFF &amp; STUDENT TEACHER RATIOS

| SCHOOL NAME   | 2010                                 |  | 2011                                 |  | 2012                                 |  | 2013                                 |  | 2014                                 |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
|   | SCHOOL<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>TOTAL | STUDENT-<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>RATIO | SCHOOL<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>TOTAL | STUDENT-<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>RATIO | SCHOOL<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>TOTAL | STUDENT-<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>RATIO | SCHOOL<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>TOTAL | STUDENT-<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>RATIO | SCHOOL<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>TOTAL | STUDENT-<br>TEACHING<br>STAFF<br>RATIO |
| Brisbane School of Distance Education                     | 147.7                                | 7.5                                    | 160.1                                | 7.3                                    | 187.5                                | 6.6                                    | 184.3                                | 6.2                                    | 175.7                                | 7.6                                    |
| Cairns School of Distance Education                       | 41.3                                 | 5.9                                    | 44.3                                 | 5.4                                    | 47.8                                 | 5.1                                    | 42.6                                 | 6.2                                    | 47.3                                 | 6.2                                    |
| Capricornia (Emerald Campus) School of Distance Education | 35.5                                 | 6.9                                    | 32.3                                 | 6.8                                    | 31.1                                 | 6.3                                    | 31.5                                 | 6.9                                    | 34.5                                 | 7.5                                    |
| Charleville School of Distance Education                  | 24.5                                 | 8.0                                    | 22.2                                 | 8.1                                    | 21.0                                 | 7.5                                    | 19.0                                 | 7.7                                    | 18.0                                 | 8.1                                    |
| Charters Towers School of Distance Education              | 33.6                                 | 7.3                                    | 33.6                                 | 7.8                                    | 43.3                                 | 6.8                                    | 41.3                                 | 8.6                                    | 46.1                                 | 8.3                                    |
| Longreach School of Distance Education                    | 22.4                                 | 7.2                                    | 23.3                                 | 7.1                                    | 23.4                                 | 7.3                                    | 21.2                                 | 8.3                                    | 20.4                                 | 7.7                                    |
| Mount Isa School of the Air                               | 23.2                                 | 7.7                                    | 25.4                                 | 7.8                                    | 25.3                                 | 8.1                                    | 24.2                                 | 8.6                                    | 21.4                                 | 8.0                                    |