

Question on Notice

No. 501

Asked on 4 June 2015

MS FARMER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS, SMALL BUSINESS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise on the progress of the review of the OP system for secondary assessment and tertiary entrance?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring our Year 12 assessment model reflects the changing nature of tertiary and further education entry requirements.

That's why when I became Minister I took action to extend the review of the OP system.

An on-line public survey and an invitation for written submissions to the draft response to the review report recently closed. The initial consultation included 196 survey responses, and 27 written submissions from individuals and groups such as the non-state schooling sectors, unions, parent groups and subject associations.

The results of this initial consultation suggest there is broad support for key ACER proposals such as a transition away from the OP, and a new senior assessment model combining the benefits of both school-based and external assessment.

I am disappointed to have to tell the Member that the former LNP government did not allocate any funding to implement any reforms from the ACER review.

I can assure the Member that any future decisions about the OP system will be made in consultation with stakeholders to ensure the best outcome for Queensland students.