

Question on Notice

No. 1519

Asked on 1 September 2016

MS DAVIS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENT (HON K JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to early childhood audits—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many audits of early childhood centres were conducted by State Inspectors in the 2015-16 financial year (reported separately by region), (b) of those audits outlined in (a) how many were active investigations for more than 90 days and (c) how many of those audits in (a) resulted in fines and how many centres were directed to close?

ANSWER:

The data relating to assessed and rated services meeting or exceeding the National Quality Standard is reported in the Department of Education and Training 2015–16 Annual Report which is available at: <https://det.qld.gov.au/publications/reports/annual-report>

As I have previously advised Parliament, I am concerned the federal government has walked away from their commitment to adequately fund the national regulation system under the National Partnership Agreement.

I will continue to fight for a fairly funded, ongoing national regulatory system so that quality and affordability are assured for Queensland children and early childhood services.

To ensure early childhood education and care services are compliant under national and state law and standards, Department of Education and Training officers conduct compliance monitoring and assessment and rating visits.