

Question on Notice

No. 2214

Asked on 29 November 2016

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) what is the total amount of reserve funding, or unexpended funds being held by Queensland State Schools across Queensland as at 1 November 2016 and (b) for (a) what is that amount reported by education region?

ANSWER:

Schools receive funding and resourcing through multiple types of allocations for school requisites and resources, staffing, maintenance, information and communication technology, to name a few. School finances are managed in our state schools by our Principals and Business Services Managers and will include funds allocated for excursions, camps etc.

With regard to the Member's question, I am advised by the Department of Education and Training there is no mandated 'reserve' that state schools are required to hold at the end of the school year. All state schools allocate their budget on an annual basis and share this information with their parents and citizens' association and school council as part of this process.

Principals are best placed to make decisions about how resources are allocated to meet the individual needs of their schools, in consultation and collaboration with their staff, school communities, regional offices and central office. These decisions may include replacing assets, undertaking minor works, purchasing equipment, paying for utilities and maintenance, schools requisites and resources, ICT equipment replacement and upgrades, literacy and numeracy initiatives and allocating funding to engage additional school staff.