

Question on Notice

No. 10

Asked on 14 February 2017

MS V BARTON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how students with an additional dialect or language as their primary language are supported to ensure they can effectively engage in education in my electorate of Broadwater?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government changed the weighting of the former *Great Results Guarantee* funding and introduced *Investing for Success* which gave more funding support for schools with English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D).

EAL/D students are supported at all Broadwater electorate schools including Labrador State School, Coombabah State School, Biggera Waters State School and Coombabah State High School.

EAL/D learners are supported at these schools through:

- intensive English classes run by EAL/D trained teachers (Labrador State School);
- intensive individual and small-group support;
- support from teacher aides;
- additional support from Intensive English Centres located at Keebra Park State High School and Surfers Paradise State School;
- adjustments to classroom tasks, teaching materials, teaching styles and assessments; and
- access to counselling services or other support through the school guidance officer.

All of these schools place high value on supporting EAL/D students and work closely with their school communities to ensure EAL/D programming is fully supported.

Students attending an Intensive English Centre can also apply for additional support via the School Transport Assistance Scheme to assist them to access these centres. This assistance is valid for public transport from a student's residence to their Intensive English Centre for a period of 12 months.