

**Question on Notice**

**No. 125**

**Asked on 16 February 2017**

**MRS D FRECKLINGTON** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES)

QUESTION:

With reference to the safe schools program—

Will the Minister (a) provide an up to date list of schools across Queensland that have accessed safe schools resources, (b) advise if the department has completed any audit of schools that have accessed the resource to ensure it is meeting its objectives and (c) release the finding of any audit?

ANSWER:

The Foundation for Young Australians, contracted by the Australian Government to provide the Safe Schools Coalition program, appointed True Relationships & Reproductive Health in partnership with Open Doors Youth Service Inc., to deliver the Safe Schools Coalition program in Queensland.

Safe Schools Coalition Queensland made the decision that Queensland school names would not be published on their website. I am advised they did this at the request of school principals. This was to ensure schools were not subjected to disruptive and targeted attention resulting from their decision to engage with Safe Schools Coalition. Therefore an updated list of Queensland schools participating in the Safe Schools Program is not available. New South Wales school names are also not proactively published on the Safe Schools website.

Principals, in consultation with parents and the school community, are in the best position to make decisions about the most appropriate programs to meet the needs of their students.

Queensland state school students will not participate in any class lessons conducted by their teachers involving Safe Schools Coalition materials without the prior consent of their parents.

I have confidence in our principals and teachers to know what are appropriate resources for students in their care and to follow the Department's advice regarding obtaining parental consent.

If the honourable Member would like to discuss any matters relating to this program, I am happy to arrange a briefing with the Assistant Director-General responsible for ensuring all students feel safe and welcomed in our schools.