

Question on Notice

No. 1061

Asked on 4 September 2018

MR T NICHOLLS ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the number of occupational therapists employed by the Department of Education, as at 25 November 2017 and 31 August 2018 (reported separately by date) and the FTE budgeted allocation for 2018-19 (reported separately by departmental region)?

ANSWER:

School-based staffing is allocated for a relevant school year, rather than a financial year. This allocation is based on official Day 8 student enrolments.

In the 2018 school year, the Department of Education provided a total of 74.8 full-time equivalent (FTE) occupational therapists to the regions to support students with disabilities enrolled in state schools, with a focus on enhancing students' programs and outcomes.

Region	Occupational Therapist (FTE)
Central Queensland	6.41
Darling Downs South West	5.99
Far North Queensland	4.06
Metropolitan	19.69
North Coast	18.28
North Queensland	4.34
South East Queensland	16.03
Total	74.80

At their discretion, schools and regions can purchase additional staffing units above the Day 8 allocation (grant funding, savings and credits).

As at 25 November 2017, the department employed 86.5 FTE occupational therapists and 6.7 FTE senior advisor or supervisory occupational therapists.

As at 31 August 2018, the department employed 85.71 FTE occupational therapists and 5.7 FTE senior advisor or supervisory occupational therapists.