Question on Notice

No. 1193

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MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the impact of NAPLAN on kids and public education—

Will the Minister advise whether (a) any state high schools, or other Queensland high schools, require or request NAPLAN results for the purposes of enrolment for catchment or non-catchment students, (b) the State Government has the power to ensure high schools do not use NAPLAN results as prerequisites to enrolment, (c) State Government policy supports parents to exercise their right to opt out of NAPLAN without fear of ill consequences for their children's future and (d) the State Government will commit to making sure NAPLAN is not used as a prerequisite to enrolment in any circumstances?

ANSWER:

NAPLAN results are not used to determine eligibility for enrolment in any Queensland state school.

To assist a student's transition to a new school or to help inform forward planning, class allocation, and a better understanding of the incoming cohort, some state schools may request a copy of a student's most recent NAPLAN results.

Where provided, NAPLAN results are not used to determine enrolment.

The only exception to this is where NAPLAN and other results are requested to determine eligibility for a select entry or excellence program.

The Queensland Government supports parents to exercise their rights about whether their child will sit NAPLAN.

Non-state schools determine their own enrolment processes.