

Question on Notice

No. 1492

Asked on 30 October 2018

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the availability of outside school hours care (OSHC) for students of Indooroopilly State School—

Will the Minister advise (a) if an allowance has been made, or is planned, for additional OSHC space while the school continues to take on extra enrolments and (b) whether the Palaszczuk Labor Government has a plan to address the current shortage of OSHC?

ANSWER:

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services are a support for families, before and after school, and during school holidays. OSHC services are operated by either for profit or not for profit providers across the State in accordance with national legislation. State schools do not operate OSHC services.

The Department of Education is aware of the increasing demand for OSHC places at some services. This year, I established a working group of key stakeholders to examine local level solutions in areas with high demand.

The department has been actively working with the school and the service provider at Indooroopilly State School, to respond to community demand for the OSHC services. Earlier this year, to maximise numbers and reduce the waitlist, the capacity was increased at the service from 200 to 220.