

**Question on Notice**

**No. 138**

**Asked on 14 February 2019**

**MR N DAMETTO** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on resolving the issue of converting acting principal positions to permanent positions in small, rural and regional schools?

ANSWER:

All Queensland state schools are allocated a permanent principal position. While a permanent principal is appointed to every school location, there will be occasions where an acting or relieving principal will be in a school in circumstances where the permanent principal is on extended leave or undertaking another role outside of their school.

The Department of Education endeavours to fill permanent principal vacancies as soon as they arise to minimise the time and number of acting principals in state schools. Where a principal position is permanently owned and becomes vacant for a temporary period, the department cannot fill this position permanently. However, to ensure the school has a principal, the role will be filled on a temporary basis until the return of the permanent principal.