

Question on Notice

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MR S BENNET ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the stop, drop and go zone at Agnes Water State School and safety upgrades following the serious injury of a young girl hit by a bus and the refusal of Gladstone Regional Council to clarify its stance on funding sources for this infrastructure—

Will the Minister commit the appropriate funds to allow this safety issue to be addressed immediately?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education works closely with local councils, the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the school community to ensure the safety of students, staff and members of the public around schools.

The stop, drop and go zone is a high priority for Agnes Water State School and investment for the upgrade project has been prioritised by the department for the 2019–20 financial year.

In the interim, in addition to encouraging drivers and pedestrians near the school to exercise caution, Agnes Water State School has made a number of changes to ensure the safety of the school community during pick-up and drop-off times, including the relocation of the staff parking area.

Agnes Water State School continues to provide staff supervision at the student collection area at the end of each school day, to support the safe departure of bicycle, car and pedestrian traffic.