

Question on Notice

No. 1636

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MRS S WILSON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to IT projects—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number Education Queensland IT projects that are not being reported on the IT dashboard (listed by project), (b) the total value of these projects (listed by project) and (c) the reason that each project is not listed on the IT dashboard?

ANSWER:

The Digital Projects Dashboard is a high-level public communication tool providing information on how projects are tracking against time and estimated cost, as well as access to procurement information, including tender opportunities.

The Queensland Government Chief Information Office provides guidance material to assist agencies and their internal governance committees to decide which projects are reported on the dashboard. Generally, projects are not required to be reported on the dashboard if they are below an approved expenditure threshold or if they are in the initiation stage.

The Department of Education reports IT projects on the Whole-of-Government ICT Dashboard in accordance with the criteria and protocols for that reporting.

Given the more than 72,800 FTEs and a record \$13.8 billion budget for the department, there are frequently smaller IT procurement projects such as replacing IT equipment (e.g. tablet devices and laptop computers) that are managed at a lower level and fall below the reporting threshold.

To separately identify and list each IT project across the entire education portfolio that is not required to be reported on the dashboard would be an unreasonable administrative burden on the agency.