

Question on Notice
No. 1930
Asked on 28 November 2019

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister (a) advise if the department can guarantee no students were exposed to banned and dangerous chemicals at the Oakey State High School, (b) provide evidence that a full investigation was carried out and (c) advise if there are any ongoing investigations?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education treats all matters involving the health and safety of students seriously.

In response to concerns raised, Workplace Health and Safety Queensland conducted an assessment in relation to the agriculture and trade training centre at Oakey State High School. The assessment found the school was compliant with the storage and use of chemicals as described in the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*. There is no ongoing investigation in relation to this complaint.

Parents and students can be confident that if an allegation of harm is reported in a state school, it will be dealt with as a priority.