

Question on Notice

No. 435

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MR T MANDER ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to relocatable buildings utilised for educational purposes (e.g. classrooms)—

Will the Minister advise (a) the total number within Queensland schools for 2017-18, (b) the total cost of the construction and installation within Queensland schools for 2017-18 and (c) the projected total number within Queensland schools for 2018-19?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education uses a range of building solutions at schools across the State, including pre-fabricated buildings that are purpose-built to the department's standards. These buildings will continue to form part of school infrastructure solutions, and are used for a number of reasons including: providing facilities lost through natural disasters, fires and other events; providing additional classrooms to meet unexpected enrolment growth; and to meet peaks in student enrolments over the life of a school.

As at 30 June 2018, there were 3008 pre-fabricated buildings located across Queensland state schools.

The total cost of pre-fabricated buildings in Queensland state schools for the 2017–18 financial year was \$32.3 million.

As at 31 March 2019, the department has installed 34 pre-fabricated buildings providing 92 teaching spaces at 21 Queensland state school sites during the 2018–19 financial year.