

Question on Notice

No. 926

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MR L MILLAR ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the difficulties and expense western teachers face to secure sufficient time to travel and undertake face-to-face professional development in a coastal centre—

Will the Minister advise why the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority has not provided any non-coastal training sessions in a western centre such as Emerald for senior teachers delivering the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance curriculum to Year 11 students in 2019?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) has delivered 23 face-to-face professional development opportunities to support teachers delivering the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance curriculum to Year 11 students in 2019 in the following non-coastal locations:

- 12 workshops in Mount Isa;
- 9 workshops in Longreach; and
- 2 workshops in Emerald.

Other face-to-face activities have focused on school leadership teams, including senior teachers. The QCAA executive team conducted senior leader forums in Roma and Mount Isa in 2017 and 2018.

Since 2017, the QCAA executive team has also visited individual schools and school clusters in Charters Towers, Emerald, Longreach, Mount Isa and Roma to meet with leadership teams to discuss implementation of the new senior system in their particular settings.

Over 230 teachers from non-coastal areas have participated in webinars providing professional development for the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance system, including over 40 teachers in Emerald. The QCAA will continue to offer webinars.

All schools have been provided with a wide range of supporting materials, including consultation documents, reports on trial activities, fact sheets, brochures, videos, guides and resources, newsletters and email updates.