

Question on Notice

No. 1069

Asked on 15 September 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what departmental initiatives are in place to allow students and their chaperones at the Emerald campus of the Capricornia School of Distance Education and the Longreach School of Distance Education to resume use of the P&C mini-school on-campus accommodation?

ANSWER:

The safety and wellbeing of students and staff in Queensland schools are of the highest priority for the Palaszczuk Government.

The existing facilities at Longreach School of Distance Education and Capricornia School of Distance Education – Emerald campus, do not meet building code requirements for overnight accommodation.

The Department of Education has engaged engineering consultants, Lambert and Rehbein, to lead the scoping and costing of works required to reinstate overnight accommodation.

The consultants met with representatives from the Parents and Citizens' Associations (P&C) and the schools in September 2021 to discuss operational requirements.

The consultant's reports are due to be finalised during Term 4, 2021.

The department will continue to work with the schools and P&Cs to ensure a workable solution.