

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 409**  
**Asked on 20 April 2021**

**DR C ROWAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the increased reliance in 2020 on remote working arrangements and the growth of internet use—

Will the Minister advise what additional funds have been expended to (a) upgrade state school software and (b) increase available internet bandwidth in state schools?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education allocated over \$36 million in the 2020–21 budget to state schools through an ICT supplementary appropriation. State schools use these funds to facilitate the purchase of ICT equipment such as computers, hand held devices, computer driven peripherals, software and networking infrastructure.

During the COVID–19 Learning from home period, 118 Queensland state schools were provided with a temporary Bandwidth uplift, at no additional cost to the schools, to meet the change in demand of remote learning requirements.