

Question on Notice

No. 760

Asked on 15 June 2021

DR A MACMAHON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's statement that the Noosa Temple of Satan will not be permitted to teach religious instruction in any state school—

Will the Minister advise (a) has there been any policy change within Education Queensland to facilitate the Minister's decision, (b) what are Education Queensland's criteria for whether a faith group will be approved to provide religious instruction in Queensland state schools and (c) Is the government planning to review the current laws which allow faith groups to provide up to one hour of religious instruction per week in a state school on application to the principal, to bring them in line with community expectations?

ANSWER:

There have been no changes to the Department of Education's religious instruction policy for applications to establish religious instruction in Queensland state schools.

As this matter is before the Courts, it would be inappropriate to comment any further.