

Question on Notice

No. 769

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the potential impacts on staff and students at Upper Brookfield State School from Aircraft emissions—

Will the Minister advise what action has the Minister taken to (a) protect school students and staff from drinking water being potentially contaminated by exhaust chemicals and particulates produced by aircraft flying at a height where these emissions are not likely to be dissipated in the atmosphere and (b) ensure that student learning is not negatively impacted by the aircraft noise?

ANSWER:

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

Upper Brookfield State School has one rainwater tank for potable water, and four non-potable tanks for amenities and garden use. The potable water tank is connected to a particulate filter and an ultra-violet filter system, which ensures a healthy water supply.

The Department of Education and Upper Brookfield State School have not received any complaints regarding these concerns and the regulation of aircraft emissions and/or noise is a federal matter.