

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1307**  
**Asked on 9 November 2022**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update for 2021-22 and 2022 to date on the number of incidents in schools by (a) weapons and (b) drugs?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education reports school disciplinary absence data based on school calendar year, not financial year. The data for 2021 and 2022 (year to date) are reported separately.

Staff from the department work hard to ensure the safety of the more than 570,000 students studying in Queensland state schools.

In 2021, students were suspended or excluded for weapons-related incidents 657 times. As at 15 November 2022, students were suspended or excluded for weapons-related incidents 520 times.

In 2021, students were suspended or excluded for drug-related incidents, including for legal substances such as tobacco, vaping and medication, 7514 times. As at 15 November 2022, students were suspended or excluded for drug-related incidents including for legal substances such as tobacco, vaping and medication, 7873 times.

It is important to note that the number of incidents does not reflect the number of students engaging in these behaviours, as some students can be represented in the data more than once.