

Question on Notice
No. 1346
Asked on 10 November 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 922 of 2022, specifically that the Department of Education does not set targets for Early Childhood Education Teachers (ECTs)—

Will the Minister advise how the Minister will ensure there are enough qualified ECTs to deliver the Kindergarten programs, particularly given the funding overhaul to ensure more Queensland children can attend Kindergarten?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is working with the early childhood sector, the Australian Government and other jurisdictions to implement actions under the *National Children's Education and Care Workforce Strategy – Shaping our Future*. A key focus of this strategy is to foster a sustainable and high-quality early childhood workforce.

On 1 December 2022, Queensland and the Early Childhood Sector co-hosted the Early Years Workforce Forum. The forum was a key step for the sector and the Department of Education to identify joint opportunities to support the workforce.

As outlined in the response to Question on Notice 838, the Palaszczuk Government is investing in programs and supports to ensure kindergarten services have access to early childhood staff, particularly early childhood teachers.