

Question on Notice

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DR M ROBINSON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the growth of faith-based Schools in the non-government sector over the last seven years by (a) number of students and cost to the Education budget to educate them (total State Government funding allocated to these schools) (reported annually and per category of school i.e. Catholic, Other Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Other) and (b) list of faith-based schools the minister has visited personally in her time as the Education minister (reported annually)?

ANSWER:

The Australian Government is the majority funder of non-state schools.

The Department of Education does not collect information under the category of 'faith-based' schools. The Non-State Schools Accreditation Board asks schools to nominate a category of Type of School related to the type of school as portrayed by the school's philosophical, religious, educational and/or cultural foundations. However, there is no category of 'faith based' school.

State recurrent funding is based on each school's needs profile (socio-economic status, school resource index and school location) and student needs profile (students with a disability, recipients of boarding fee concessions, students with English as a second language, students from isolated areas, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students).

As at February 2022, there were 544 accredited non-state schools with approximately 297,550 funded students.

Information relating to non-state school enrolments and state recurrent funding for the period 2016 to 2022 is provided at **Attachment 1**.

Details of all schools I have visited as Minister for Education is publicly available at www.cabinet.qld.gov.au/ministers-portfolios/grace-grace.aspx for the current term of Government, www.cabinet.qld.gov.au/ministers-portfolios/cabinet-2017-2020/grace-grace.aspx for December 2017 until October 2020 and www.cabinet.qld.gov.au/ministers-portfolios/cabinet-2015-2017/grace-grace.aspx for 2016 and 2017.

Non-state school state recurrent funding and enrolments (2016–2022)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Non-state school enrolments	261,212	263,798	265,685	270,181	280,661	289,811	297,566
Non-state school state recurrent funding	\$566,541,979	\$597,896,527	\$616,672,101	\$636,590,719	\$671,384,188	\$756,905,895	\$774,953,582