

Question on Notice
No. 54
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MR L MILLAR ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the arrangements in place for students to complete their hospitality vocational certificates at Winton, Aramac, Barcaldine and Blackall State Schools now that the Big Red Truck will be unavailable until November due to maintenance issues?

ANSWER:

Providing well maintained and functional facilities that align with educational outcomes is a priority for the Department of Education.

The Big Red Truck is scheduled to have its refurbishment commence at the start of April 2022, with forecast completion for use by the start of Term 3, 2022.

There has been no detriment to the delivery of hospitality vocational certificates as students continue to have access to a qualified trainer who provides educational supports to every school in the cluster.

In order to meet practical assessments and hands on training in kitchen settings while the Big Red Truck is being maintained and refurbished, students will access school and community facilities as follows:

- Aramac State School will utilise the local lawn bowls club kitchen facility;
- Winton State School will utilise the commercial kitchen on site;
- Barcaldine State School and Blackall State School have Home Economics kitchens (with Blackall State School also utilising the commercial community kitchen at the local civic centre); and
- Longreach State High School will utilise the Home Economics kitchen on site.