

Question on Notice
No. 578
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DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of times a teacher was not available and classes had to combine (reported separately per school) for this year 2022 to date?

ANSWER:

It is widely understood and accepted that all education systems across the country have faced varying levels of staffing challenges this year as COVID has circulated widely through the community, and various strategies have been deployed to ensure continuity of student learning. Queensland is no different.

The occasional combining of classes in Queensland schools is undertaken to meet the learning needs of students and are a local decision implemented at the discretion of principals.

As these decisions are not recorded centrally by the Department of Education, it is not possible to provide further information.