

Question on Notice

No. 818

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DR A MACMAHON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's school breakfast program—

Will the Minister advise if the department has conducted any modelling with respect to providing universal, free daily breakfasts to students in Queensland?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education has not conducted any modelling with respect to providing universal, free daily breakfasts to students in Queensland as schools, in conjunction with their community, are best placed to determine if a breakfast program is required to support their students.

In 2022, over 700 Queensland state schools reported offering a breakfast program.

School breakfast programs can be funded by the school, the school's Parents and Citizens' Association in partnership with external organisations (e.g. Foodbank Queensland or the YMCA), or a combination of these approaches.

Both Foodbank Queensland and the YMCA receive Queensland Government funding through the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy to deliver free school breakfast programs at a number of schools.