

Question on Notice
No. 1609
Asked on 30 November 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update (reported separately by year) on the number of (a) weapons incidents in schools for 2022 to 2023 and 2023 to date and (b) drug incidents in schools for 2022 to 2023 and 2023 to date?

ANSWER: [MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)]:

I thank the Member for the question.

On 18 December 2023, I was appointed as Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice and as such, I am now the responsible Minister to answer this Question.

The Department of Education works hard to ensure the safety of the more than 570,000 students in Queensland state schools.

In 2022, students were suspended or excluded for weapons-related incidents 595 times. As at the end of Term 3, 2023, students were suspended or excluded for weapons-related incidents 600 times.

In 2022, students were suspended or excluded for drug-related incidents, including for legal substances such as tobacco, vaping and medication, 8654 times. As at the end of Term 3, 2023, students were suspended or excluded for drug-related incidents including for legal substances such as tobacco, vaping and medication, 6359 times.

It is important to note that the number of incidents does not reflect the number of students engaging in these behaviours, as some students can be represented in the data more than once.