

Question on Notice

No. 444

Asked on 18 April 2024

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

QUESTION:

With reference to weapons and drugs incidents in schools—

Will the Minister advise for 2023 and 2024 to date, the number of (a) weapons incidents in schools and (b) drug incidents in schools?

ANSWER:

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

In 2023, students were suspended or excluded for the use/possession of weapons 939 times. At the end of Term 1, 2024, students were suspended or excluded for the use/possession of weapons 170 times.

In 2023, students were suspended or excluded for drug-related incidents, including for legal substances such as tobacco, vaping and medication 7,479 times. As at the end of Term 1, 2024, students were suspended or excluded for drug-related incidents including for legal substances such as tobacco, vaping and medication 827 times.

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.