

Question on Notice

No. 1484

Asked on 9 December 2025

MS W BOURNE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) in my electorate of Ipswich West, and reports that some providers are choosing to close or reduce their OSHC offerings from 2026—

Will the Minister advise, for my electorate of Ipswich West (a) total number of OSHC's currently operating, (b) number of schools that do not have an OSHC operating, (c) number of families that utilise an OSHC service, (d) total funding in the 2025-26 Budget to deliver OSHC and (e) which schools will be operating an OSHC in 2026 (reported separately by school name)?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

(a) 17.

(b) 6.

(c) The approved provider of each OSHC service is responsible for the operations associated with the OSHC service. The Early Childhood Regulatory Authority does not have data on the number of families that utilise an OSHC service.

(d) The Queensland Government currently does not provide funding to deliver OSHC, with the exception of vacation care services in discrete communities.

(e) OSHC services are organised and operated by Parents and Citizens' Associations, Independent and Catholic schools, non-profit community groups and commercial providers. While OSHC services share resources with state schools, including buildings through lease agreements, OSHC programs in state schools are provided by separate legal entities to schools and are therefore operated independently.