

## Question on Notice

No. 1488

Asked on 9 December 2025

**HON D FARMER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of Occupational Violence reports in the MyHR Workplace Health and Safety Portal that the Department of Education has received from school-based education employees for 2024 and 2025 (to the latest available data), (reported separately by calendar year and region (e.g. North Coast, Metropolitan South, Darling Downs South West etc))?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The number of occupational violence and aggression (OVA) incidents reported by school-based employees for the calendar years 2024 and 2025, grouped by region and incident classification (Class 1 to Class 5), are provided in the table below.

Class 4 and Class 5 incidents relate to lower-severity events, such as verbal abuse or near-miss incidents, and represent the majority of the reported cases. Higher-severity incidents are classified as Class 1 and Class 2 and occur infrequently. A description of each incident classification is included in a table beneath the data table.

OVA Incident Count	Calendar year				
Region	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Central Queensland</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>2,417</b>
Class 2	0	0	1	0	0
Class 3	5	63	65	86	85
Class 4	108	691	1,019	1,864	2,328
Class 5	0	0	0	2	4
<b>Darling Downs and South West</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>1,247</b>
Class 2	0	0	0	0	1
Class 3	3	13	31	35	53
Class 4	36	262	677	846	1,190
Class 5	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Far North Queensland</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1,261</b>
Class 2	0	2	0	1	1
Class 3	6	43	57	57	76
Class 4	48	315	556	905	1,179
Class 5	0	0	0	2	5
<b>Metropolitan North</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>3,524</b>
Class 2	0	2	1	3	1
Class 3	11	81	161	192	210
Class 4	110	864	2,051	2,974	3,308
Class 5	0	0	0	0	5

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<b>Region</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Metropolitan South</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>4,706</b>	<b>5,384</b>
Class 2	0	0	0	2	4
Class 3	14	109	189	229	211
Class 4	137	1,421	3,115	4,474	5,166
Class 5	0	1	1	1	3
<b>North Coast</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>2,145</b>
Class 2	0	0	0	1	1
Class 3	7	50	93	125	123
Class 4	97	555	1,086	2,029	2,020
Class 5	0	0	0	0	1
<b>North Queensland</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>1,268</b>
Class 2	0	0	1		
Class 3	5	26	43	76	68
Class 4	41	322	778	982	1,196
Class 5	0	0	0	0	4
<b>South East</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>3,587</b>
Class 2	1	0	0	1	0
Class 3	12	67	154	168	192
Class 4	135	861	1,819	2,857	3,393
Class 5	0	0	5	0	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>5,748</b>	<b>11,903</b>	<b>17,912</b>	<b>20,833</b>

- Data is sourced from the MyHR Workplace Health and Safety portal and reflects incidents submitted by school-based Department of Education employees.
- The option to record OVA incidents within the MyHR incident management system became available from October 2021.
- Data was extracted on 12 December 2025 and figures for 2024 and 2025 represent records available at that point in time.

<b>Incident Classification Description</b>	
<b>1</b>	Class 1 – Fatality or life threatening
<b>2</b>	Class 2 – Hospital admission
<b>3</b>	Class 3 – Medical treatment
<b>4</b>	Class 4 – No more than first aid
<b>5</b>	Class 5 – Near Miss Incidents