

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1587**  
**Asked on 11 December 2025**

**MR S KNUTH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to reports in my electorate of significant barriers in obtaining a dyslexia diagnosis for students who show clear dyslexic characteristics, including parents reporting the process is unclear, inconsistent and in many cases unavailable in the state system and high costs of private providers, and noting estimates that up to 20 percent of students may have dyslexia and evidence linking untreated literacy disorders to adverse life outcomes—

Will the Minister advise (a) what processes are currently available within Queensland state schools to diagnose dyslexia and (b) what steps the Government will take to ensure students can receive timely, affordable assessments and support regardless of family income or geographic location?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

The Department of Education recognises dyslexia as a disability. A diagnosis of dyslexia is not required for students to receive support and appropriate interventions within Queensland state schools.

Speech and Language Pathologists (SLP) employed by the department are qualified to assess and diagnose dyslexia. Schools also have access to regional and statewide specialist services that provide further support to students with specific learning needs. These services work collaboratively with classroom teachers.

To meet the needs of students and families in rural and remote locations where access to private specialists can be limited, the department's SLPs provide a dyslexia assessment and intervention service to rural and remote schools. This service helps ensure equity of access to support and intervention, regardless of family income or geographical location.

Additionally, universal screening through use of the Year 1 Phonics Check is mandated. This helps identify students with reading difficulties, including those with dyslexia, and provide timely support.

While parents may choose to pursue a diagnosis through external specialists, this is not a requirement for students to receive support in schools.