

Question on Notice

No. 461

Asked on 1 May 2025

HON M FURNER ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)

QUESTION:

With reference to the former Labor Government's Putting Queensland Kids First Strategy—

Will the Minister advise the progress of the \$67.3m initiative to engage Behaviour Specialists within priority primary schools, including (a) the priority schools identified and (b) the total number of Behaviour Specialists engaged under the initiative?

ANSWER:

- a) The Behaviour Boost initiative, announced on 17 February 2025, expands on the Putting Queensland Kids First initiative and will be provided to all primary, special and secondary schools in Queensland. Based on feedback from principals, the Crisafulli LNP government initiative provides greater flexibility and autonomy for schools than the former Labor government's plan. Under the Behaviour Boost resource, schools will be able to engage a greater range of specialists suitable to their context.
- b) The total Behaviour Boost allocation to Queensland state schools equates to 343 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff compared to the 85 FTE committed under the former government. The new Crisafulli government initiative sees earlier access to a range of specialists in all schools, unlike Labor's commitment that would have seen only 299 schools receiving this additional resource.