

Question on Notice
No. 648
Asked on 11 June 2025

MRS M NIGHTINGALE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of safety incidents or incidences of occupational violence reported by staff following altercations with a student in Term 1 2025 (reported separately by schooling type (e.g. primary/secondary) and region)?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

As at 16 June 2025, the total number of Occupational Violence and Aggression (OVA) incidents reported by staff following altercations with a student in Term 1, 2025 is 5,471. The table below has the breakdown by school type and region.

School Type					
Region	Primary	Primary- Secondary	Secondary	Special	Grand Total
Central Queensland	475	11	146	143	775
Darling Downs South West	156	47	42	33	278
Far North	217	100	39	39	395
Metropolitan North	407	14	49	450	920
Metropolitan South	514	30	69	782	1,395
North Coast	243	31	80	217	571
North Queensland	153	21	28	125	327
South East	499	15	46	250	810
Grand Total	2,664	269	499	2,039	5,471

Health and safety incidents are self-reported by staff in the MyHR Workplace Health and Safety software system and do not always result in a workers' compensation (WorkCover) claim. As such, incident numbers will always be higher than WorkCover claims 'lodged' and claims 'accepted' for OVA.