

Question on Notice
No. 453
Asked on 23 April 2026

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for the 2025 school year (reported separately by school region and type (e.g. primary school, high school)) (a) the total number of weapons-related incidents in schools and (b) the total number of drug-related incidents in schools?

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) There were 828 weapons-related school disciplinary absence (SDA) incidents in 2025 (refer to **Table 1**). These incidents refer to students who received an SDA for the reason:
- *Use/possession of weapons*: Student is in possession of knives or guns (real or look alike), or other objects readily capable of causing bodily harm.

Table 1: Use/possession of weapons

Region	2023			2025		
	Primary	Secondary	Total	Primary	Secondary	Total
Central Queensland	25	59	84	14	38	52
Darling Downs South West	21	59	80	18	54	72
Far North Queensland	29	49	78	21	64	85
Metropolitan North	42	93	135	28	75	103
Metropolitan South	54	151	205	65	126	191
North Coast	26	78	104	36	62	98
North Queensland	13	59	72	15	47	62
South East	83	98	181	67	98	165
<i>Queensland</i>	<i>293</i>	<i>646</i>	<i>939</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>564</i>	<i>828</i>

- (b) There were 3,358 drug-related SDA incidents in 2025. Drug-related incidents refer to students who received the following SDAs:
- *Substance misconduct involving illegal substances*: Student is in possession of, has supplied or is using illegal drugs/substances/imitations or implements (1,405 incidents) (refer to **Table 2**).
 - *Substance misconduct involving tobacco and other legal substances*: Student is in possession of, has supplied or is using tobacco, alcohol, other prohibited substances or implements (1,953 incidents) (refer to **Table 3**).

Table 2: Substance misconduct involving illegal substances

	2023			2025		
Region	Primary	Secondary	Total	Primary	Secondary	Total
Central Queensland	10	206	216	11	83	94
Darling Downs South West	24	176	200	11	121	132
Far North Queensland	7	160	167	1	76	77
Metropolitan North	8	297	305	4	203	207
Metropolitan South	35	371	406	5	222	227
North Coast	6	489	495	4	310	314
North Queensland	6	167	173	10	103	113
South East	27	661	688	19	222	241
<i>Queensland</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>2,527</i>	<i>2,650</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>1,340</i>	<i>1,405</i>

Table 3: Substance misconduct involving tobacco and other legal substances

	2023			2025		
Region	Primary	Secondary	Total	Primary	Secondary	Total
Central Queensland	58	593	651	17	164	181
Darling Downs South West	59	478	537	9	177	186
Far North Queensland	26	268	294	19	103	122
Metropolitan North	43	544	587	30	264	294
Metropolitan South	103	730	833	31	353	384
North Coast	60	703	763	20	238	258
North Queensland	36	228	264	19	115	134
South East	96	804	900	48	346	394
<i>Queensland</i>	<i>481</i>	<i>4,348</i>	<i>4,829</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>1,760</i>	<i>1,953</i>