

**Question on Notice**

**No. 137**

**Asked on 19 March 2013**

**Mr Wellington** asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (MR LANGBROEK) –

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the government's decision to stop the continuation of the school nurse service at the Noosa District State High School—

Will the Minister review the decision in light of the strong community support for the continuation of this important service?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for his question.

There have been no changes to the level of school nurse services at Noosa District State High School.

Education Queensland's Registered Nurses (EQRNs) and a School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN) provide nursing services at Noosa District State High School.

Until recently, Queensland Health (centrally) funded and managed the SBYHN program in state secondary schools across Queensland with the program operating under a Memorandum of Understanding with DETE which ends on 30 June 2013.

As a result of the recent health reforms, each of the 17 Hospital and Health Services (HHS) in Queensland will have responsibility for the funding and management of this program. Each HHS will determine their ongoing commitment to the SBYHN program and enter into individual agreements with my Department to deliver the service post 30 June 2013.

The SBYHN program focuses on promoting whole of school preventative health strategies and wellbeing of students in years 8-12. This valuable program complements the role of EQRNs who assist school personnel to safely manage the health needs of individual students with chronic health conditions.

My Department strongly supports the continued services of both the SBYHNs and EQRNs which support the health and wellbeing of our young people in Queensland state schools.