

Question on Notice
No. 1013
Asked on 13 June 2019

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how many incident reports were filed with the Department of Education for verbal and physical threats and attacks against teachers and administrative staff in schools (reported separately by year for the last five years)?

ANSWER:

The table at **Attachment 1** provides the number of workers' compensation claims where the mechanisms of injury are recorded as either 'assaulted by person' or 'exposure to occupational violence' for 2014–15 to 2018–19.

In responding to the question, data from WorkCover Queensland's end of month dataset dated 31 May 2019 was used.

**Number of Workers' Compensation Claims: recorded as 'assault by person' or 'exposure to occupational violence' 2014–15 to 2018–19
(as at 31 May 2019)**

REGION	FY 2014–15		FY 2015–16		FY 2016–17		FY 2017–18		FY 2018–19 as at 31/5/2019	
	Teachers	Other Staff	Teachers	Other Staff	Teachers	Other Staff	Teachers	Other Staff	Teachers	Other Staff
Central Queensland	11	7	7	6	12	10	27	8	24	12
Darling Downs South West	10	7	9	1	21	16	19	14	15	7
Far North Queensland	9	3	19	2	13	6	13	3	23	8
Metropolitan	42	33	56	47	51	48	69	58	74	47
North Coast	43	23	37	20	34	20	58	27	57	56
North Queensland	10	5	11	3	10	4	15	8	22	11
South East	32	16	28	19	40	19	56	22	57	29

NOTE: WorkCover claim numbers can vary if claims are lodged within a particular financial year but are subsequently removed when an employee is removed from the Department of Education policy or where investigations indicate the claim should be allocated against another region (e.g: the claim is originally against Far North Queensland Region but should be for North Queensland Region).

Additionally, as WorkCover claims can take up to two months to be determined, where this occurs near to the change of financial year, there can be a retrospective changing to the numbers.