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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to e-Petition 2082-13 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 4 June 2013 regarding changes to the model used to calculate staffing resources for Queensland state schools.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment is committed to providing a quality education for all Queensland students from Prep to Year 12. An important part of this commitment is the adequate provision of staff to achieve the best outcomes for students.

I acknowledge the concern of petitioners regarding the changes to the allocative staffing model for Queensland schools. While the Government remains committed to allocating frontline staff in schools in response to student enrolment levels, it is important to keep in mind the impact of decisions made in the 2012-13 State Budget to deliver these services and get the State's finances back on track.

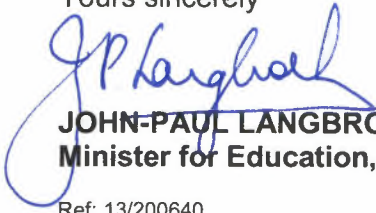
Within the context of the Government's commitment to repairing the State's financial situation, the 2012-13 Budget included the Government's decision to redirect elements of school staffing allocations towards funding the required growth in teachers to meet anticipated growth in student enrolments across the State in 2013. These include the allocations for key teachers and resource teachers, as well as the savings from providing the exact teaching resources to schools according to their enrolment numbers.

For the 2013 school year, the Department has provided appropriate classroom teacher numbers and Regional Human Resources officers continue to work with all Queensland state schools to assist principals in managing these changes.

The Government is committed to supporting the achievement of the long-established class size targets. These are targets that principals use to inform the make-up of classes in their school. As principals have done in previous years, they will continue to make sound decisions about class formations that reflect the educational needs of students in their school.

I would like to thank petitioners for raising this matter with me and trust this response addresses their concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JP Langbroek', written over a horizontal line.

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