



Speech by

Hon. Rod Welford

MEMBER FOR EVERTON

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Asbestos Roof Replacement Program

Hon. RJ WELFORD (Everton—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts) (10.08 am): Twelve months ago, our government announced an ambitious capital works program for Smart State schools—the \$120 million Asbestos Roof Replacement Program. Our government was the first in the state's history to comprehensively address this issue and to provide funding to replace every asbestos roof in every Queensland state school. Over the past 12 months, the minister for public works and I have been working with our departments to accelerate this program.

In fact, 304 asbestos roofs at 115 state schools throughout Queensland have now been replaced, and the number is increasing every week. This is a tremendous result in the first 12 months of the program, and we intend to keep up this rate of work, weather permitting. Today, I am also pleased to announce that a schedule of roof replacements has now been prepared for the period between June and November this year, before the Christmas school holidays. We anticipate that in this period a further 177 school asbestos roofs can be replaced at state schools throughout Queensland, pending weather and the ongoing availability of skilled tradespeople. I seek leave to incorporate a list of these schools in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Asbestos Roof Replacement Program (ARRP)
Replacement Schedule
June—November 2006

In south-east Queensland:

Acacia Ridge State School (8 roofs);
Balmoral State High School (7 roofs);
Beaudesert State High School (7 roofs);
Biggera Waters State School (1 roof);
Burleigh Heads State School (4 roofs);
Caloundra State School (4 roofs);
Cavendish Road State High School (7 roofs);
Everton Park State High School (7 roofs);
Grovely State School (2 roofs);
Humpybong State School (6 roofs);
Indooroopilly State High School (4 roofs);
Jindalee State School (3 roofs);
Macgregor State High School (7 roofs);
Mt Gravatt Pre-school (1 roof);
Mt Gravatt State High School (8 roofs);
Mt Gravatt State School (3 roofs);
Musgrave Hill State School (2 roofs);
Nambour Pre-school (1 roof);
Nambour State High School (6 roofs);
Nambour State School (6 roofs);
Oxley State School (4 roofs);
Samford State School (1 roof);
Sandgate District State High School (8 roofs);

Serviceton South State School (4 roofs);
Stafford Special Education Unit (3 roofs);
The Gap State High School (7 roofs);
Upper Mt Gravatt State School (5 roofs);
Woodridge State High School (7 roofs)
Wooloowin State School (2 roofs).

Outside south-east Queensland:

Alpha State School (2 roofs);
Belgian Gardens State School (2 roofs);
Benaraby State School (1 roof);
Bowen State School (1 roof);
Bowen State High School (4 roofs);
Builyan State School (1 roof);
Cairns West State School (1 roof);
Calliope State School (1 roof);
Camooweal State School (1 roof);
Gladstone Central State School (2 roofs);
Gladstone State High School (4 roofs);
Hannaford State School (1 roof);
Kingaroy State High School (1 roof);
Mackay State High School (7 roofs);
Ravenshoe State School (3 roofs);
Thabeban State School (1 roof);
Townsville State High School (1 roof);
Trinity Bay State High School (4 roofs);
Urangan Point State School (1 roof);
Walkamin State School (1 roof);
Yungaburra State School (2 roofs).

Mr WELFORD: This latest schedule means that by the end of November this year—18 months into the program—as many as 480 asbestos roofs in 160 schools will have been replaced since the Asbestos Roof Replacement Program began in June 2005. This is over half of all of the school asbestos roofs that will be replaced under the program. I am sure all members will agree that this is an outstanding result. We will continue to press ahead with this replacement work and get the job done as quickly as we possibly can.

Tabled paper: Document detailing the Asbestos Roof Replacement Schedule June to November 2006

Tabled paper: Copy of ministerial statement by the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts titled *Asbestos Roof Replacement Program*