

Question on Notice
No. 1032
Asked on 2 September 2004

MR REEVES asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the introduction of the prep year of schooling –

What planning is being undertaken in regard to provision of facilities for prep years?

ANSWER:

Indicative solutions and broad-scale preliminary planning for the provision of facilities for the prep year have been identified from an audit of approximately 640 schools undertaken early in 2004.

A detailed audit of each school is now underway and will be completed by the end of the 2004 school year. At the completion of this audit:

- firm solutions will be identified for each school and schools will be advised of these solutions.
- detailed design and tender documentation will be undertaken for the scope and implementation of work identified;

Prototypes for new and refurbished classrooms will be constructed to provide facilities for some of the schools selected for the 2005 phase-in of prep.

These prototypes will provide the opportunity to evaluate the designs and make amendments where applicable.