

Question on Notice
No. 224
Asked on 28 April 2004

MS STUCKEY asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) -

QUESTION:

Will she confirm that the Department of Education is examining proposals to move the Coolangatta Special School from its current location; If so, will she indicate what the Department proposes to do with the land?

ANSWER:

As announced in the 2003-04 Budget, funds of \$260 000 have been allocated to commence planning for the replacement of the Coolangatta Special School.

Education Queensland has been working with the Coolangatta Special School community over recent months investigating options for replacing the current school, which is unable to adequately meet forecast enrolments or the high-level needs of its student population.

No decision has yet been made in relation to moving the school from its current site. A final decision will be informed by consideration of the educational brief and the Master Plan for a new school, both developed in consultation with the school community in the latter half of 2003, and the consideration of possible suitable alternative sites.

Until this decision is reached it would be premature to determine the future use of the land.