

Question on Notice
No. 1386
Asked on 2 November 2006

MRS ATWOOD asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION: Will he give an update on preparations for the preparatory year in relation to schools in the Mt Ommaney Electorate?

ANSWER:

I am pleased to report that preparations for the preparatory year in relation to the four state and three non-state schools in the Mt Ommaney Electorate are either complete or nearing completion.

Work on the minor refurbishment of two classrooms at the existing preschools at Corinda State School, Jamboree Heights State School, Jindalee State School and Middle Park State School is well advanced, using the funding allocated in May 2005.

Two new classroom buildings at Jindalee State School and Middle Park State School have been completed, with only minor data and telecommunication works to be finalised.

The non-state sector manages the provision of facilities for the preparatory year according to criteria established within their respective organisations. Three non-state schools – Good News Lutheran Primary School (Middle Park), St Aidan's Anglican Girls School (Corinda) and St Joseph's Primary School (Corinda) – will be ready for 2007.

The Government has provided an extra 10,000 hours of teacher aide time for the early years (Prep - 3). This is on top of the minimum 15 teacher aide hours per week for a class of 25 children. Principals can provide additional hours to a Prep class from this extra allocation as needed in their schools.