Question on Notice

No. 267

Asked on 7 March 2006

MR CALTABIANO asked the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) -

QUESTION:

Will he list all schools, by name and electorate, that (a) have had asbestos roofs removed since 1998, and when (date) and (b) are on the replacement program through to 2008?

ANSWER:

A list of all schools which have had asbestos roofs replaced since 1998 is publicly available on the Education Queensland website.

As the member is aware, the removal of school asbestos roofs has been markedly accelerated by the Government's \$120 million Asbestos Roof Replacement Program (ARRP).

By the end of June, which represents the first 12 months of this program, more than 300 school asbestos roofs will have been replaced, weather permitting. This is an outstanding result and a credit to those in my department and the Department of Public Works who are coordinating this Queensland-wide effort.

Some 600 roofs are still to be replaced and this work is being done as quickly as possible, utilising weekends and school holidays. The Education Queensland website lists all roofs that are scheduled to have their asbestos roofs replaced in the current round of the ARRP.