

Question on Notice

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Asked on 26 May 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Safe and Healthier Schools Program in which the Government announced an investment of \$11.1m to improve the fitness and security of school children –

- (1) How much of the allocated funding has been spent to date?
- (2) What are the details of the fitness programs and expenditure on each program (reported separately) which have been commenced under this program?
- (3) At which schools (reported separately) have the programs commenced?

ANSWER:

(1) From the Safe and Healthy Schools Program election commitment, a total of \$6.3m over four years from 2004 - 2008 was allocated to the Department of Education and the Arts. To date a total of \$2.8m has been expended. This Program includes a wide range of strategies to support physical activity, nutrition and health in schools, including fitness and physical activity programs.

(2) Funded projects include the construction of multi-purpose courts, a climbing wall, a high ropes challenge course, physical activity and orienteering circuits, bicycle education and training facilities, mobile sports and fitness trailers, a sporting equipment library and a Health and Wellbeing Centre for student and community use. Funded activities also include the purchase of sporting equipment such as lawn bowls, gymnastics apparatus and canoes, kayaks and safety equipment for outdoor education activity.

(3) So far funding for these programs has been distributed in two rounds: July 2004 and July 2005. These grants have benefited 310 state and non-state schools. A final round of grants under this initiative is currently underway.