

Question on Notice

No. 1812

Asked on 1 November 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to demountables—

- (1) What was the total number of demountable buildings that were located or constructed within Queensland schools, broken down by district for 2006-07 (reported separately)?
- (2) What was the total amount spent on demountable buildings in 2006-07, broken down by district (reported separately)?
- (3) What was the total number of demountable buildings located within state schools in 2006-07 (reported separately)?
- (4) How do these three figures requested above compare to the current financial year to date (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

- (1) Relocatable buildings are used across the state for a variety of reasons, such as:
 - to replace facilities lost through natural disasters
 - to meet emergent minimum requirements
 - temporary accommodation during school redevelopments
 - to meet relatively short-term peaks in resident student numbers within the school catchment
 - to meet growth driven by out-of-catchment enrolment.

Attachment 1 shows by district, the 114 relocatable buildings that reached practical completion in 2006–07. It should be emphasised that in contrast to decades past, the modular or relocatable buildings now being installed are of high quality and match the internal standards of conventional permanent buildings in terms of comfort and classroom functionality.

- (2) Please note that expenditure on individual projects may span more than one financial year. Expenditure in both 2006–07 and 2007–08 is provided where individual projects span more than one financial year.
- (3) There are in excess of 2100 relocatable buildings of varying ages and style throughout the State. It is not possible to provide an accurate list of the number of these buildings broken down by district.
- (4) Five relocatable buildings have been completed at schools in the 2007–08 to 31 October 2007. The breakdown by district is also provided in Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENT 1

Relocatable Buildings by Education Queensland District				
EQ District	2006-2007		2007-2008 (to 31/10/2007)	
	No. of Relocatable Buildings Completed	Amount Spent	No. of Relocatable Buildings Completed	Amount Spent
Brisbane Central and West	8	1 360 908		13 553
Brisbane North	2	710 866		6000
Brisbane South	5	1 405 193		
Cairns Coastal	7	3 026 377	2	267 931
Central Coast	2	451 653		181 237
Gold Coast	13	2 299 520		232 886
Logan-Albert Beaudesert	4	1 340 716	1	
Mackay-Whitsunday	5	1 114 907		1344
Moreton East	6	1 162 369		98 248
Moreton West	5	1 068 914	1	
Roma	0	3083		
South East Brisbane	8	1 623 077		5106
Sunshine Coast North	12	2 212 382	1	79 114
Sunshine Coast South	11	2 237 065		69 997
Tablelands-Johnstone	1	123 562		
The Downs	2	438 256		977
Toowoomba	7	1 452 506		252 824
Torres Strait and Cape	2	833 133		
Townsville	3	1 035 834		
Wide Bay North	0	218 094		
Wide Bay South	8	1 745 060		360 530
Wide Bay West	3	299 849		
Totals*	114	\$26 163 324	5	\$1 569 747

* Reflects projects achieving 'practical completion' (PC) during the financial year. The building at Roma achieved PC in 2005-06 and the 2006-07 refers to an adjusting accrual made to the project after PC. The building for Wide Bay North was acquired in 2006-07. It has only recently been assigned and will achieve PC later this financial year.