

Question on Notice

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Asked on 6 March 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the introduction of Prep in Queensland —

What feedback has Education Queensland received from key early childhood stakeholders, such as Early Childhood Australia and the Early Childhood Teachers Association, on both the classroom and playground facilities (reported separately) for all state Prep schools?

ANSWER:

Since the introduction of Prep earlier this year, no formal feedback about either classroom or playground facilities has been received from key early childhood stakeholders.

In 2004, both Early Childhood Australia and the Early Childhood Teachers Association participated in consultation which informed the design and planning of Prep facilities, including classrooms and playgrounds.

During this time, feedback provided included suggestions for clear, unencumbered learning spaces of various shapes and levels with clear visibility, access to large outdoor play areas, provision of wet areas, storage, and setting-up zones.

All feedback provided during the consultation phase was considered by the Department and some modifications were subsequently incorporated into the 2005 tender contracts for classrooms.