Question on Notice

No. 38

Asked on 6 February 2007

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

QUESTION:

Will he provide a brief overview of the successful implementation of the Prep Year at schools in the Nudgee Electorate, including (a) day eight enrolment numbers for each school and (b) capital works and refurbishment works undertaken in preparation for the Prep Year?

ANSWER:

Prep is being successfully implemented in the Nudgee Electorate, with students enrolled at six state and four non-state schools.

In 2006, all schools undertook various activities in preparation for Prep, including visits to prep trial schools and completion of a formal professional development program for school administrators, teachers and teacher aides.

Extensive communication with school communities was undertaken to promote Prep to parents and families and to provide the community with detail about Prep eligibility and enrolment arrangements.

a) Day 8 enrolment numbers

Day 8 enrolment numbers for state schools in the Nudgee Electorate were:

| School | Prep year enrolments | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Boondall State School | 47 | |
| Earnshaw State College | 23.6 | |
| Geebung State School | 32 | |
| Northgate State School | 18.6 | |
| Virginia State School | 33 | |
| Zillmere State School | 12 | |

Non-state school enrolment data was not available at the time of preparing this response.

b) Capital works and refurbishment works undertaken in preparation for the Prep Year

The following capital works and refurbishment were undertaken at each state school in the Nudgee Electorate:

| School | Refurbished classrooms | New classrooms built |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Boondall State School | 2 | - |
| Earnshaw State College | 2 | - |
| Geebung State School | - | 2 |
| Northgate State School | 1 | 1 |
| Virginia State School | 2 | - |
| Zillmere State School | 1 | - |

Works undertaken in the non-state sector are managed by the respective Catholic and independent organisations and no information on facilities developed specifically for Prep is currently available.