

## Question on Notice

No. 93

Asked on 8 February 2007

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to my proud involvement in the start of Prep in each of the schools in the Chatsworth Electorate—

Will he provide details on (a) capital works and renovation work undertaken especially for Prep (b) any further works undertaken on the removal of asbestos roofs at schools in the area and (c) final Day Eight enrolment numbers for each of the schools in the Chatsworth Electorate?

### ANSWER:

Getting ready for Prep has resulted in one of the largest capital works programs in Queensland's history with more than 1600 classrooms built or refurbished to accommodate students. \$350m was made available to state and non-state sectors so that classrooms and other facilities would be ready for the state-wide rollout of Prep at the start of 2007

To prepare state schools for the first day of Prep in 2007, 416 new classrooms were built, 420 existing classrooms were refurbished, 30 toilet blocks were installed and grants were provided for the minor refurbishment of 682 preschool classrooms. A further 411 small schools received grants to upgrade school facilities for Prep.

All state primary schools in Queensland received one or more of the following facilities solutions for the 2007 introduction of Prep, depending on estimated enrolments and the capacity of their existing facilities:

- a new classroom or classrooms
- refurbishment or extension of an existing classroom or classrooms
- a funding allocation for minor upgrade work in existing classrooms or small school facilities with 16 or fewer prep children
- a new toilet block
- a new storage facility
- a new shade structure

Specifically, in the Chatsworth electorate, the capital works and renovation work undertaken at each state school for the 2007 introduction of the Prep Year have been as follows:

- Belmont State School received a general learning area of two classrooms, the refurbishment and extension of six existing classrooms, and a storage shed.
- Camp Hill State Infants School received a new prep building of two classrooms and the refurbishment of two existing preschool classrooms.
- Carina State School received a new prep building of one classroom and the refurbishment of two existing classrooms, and a storage shed.
- Gumdale State School received a refurbishment of three existing classrooms, the refurbishment of an existing preschool classroom and a storage shed.
- Mayfield State School received a new prep building of two classrooms and a storage shed.

- Tingalpa State School received a refurbishment of two existing classrooms and a storage shed.
- Whites Hill State College received a new prep building of one classroom and the refurbishment of an existing preschool classroom, a toilet block and a storage shed.

With regard to your query about asbestos roofs, the Beattie Government is the first in the state's history to comprehensively address this issue and provide funding to replace every asbestos roof in every Queensland state school.

We have been able to accelerate the program by getting specialist tradesmen on-board to work weekends, as well as school holidays. Specifically, in the Chatsworth electorate, asbestos roofs have been replaced at:

- Mayfield State School: (6 roofs)
- Tingalpa State School: (1 roof)
- Whites Hill State School: (3 roofs)
- Whites Hill State College: (7 roofs)

I recently announced that work to replace an asbestos roof at the Camp Hill State School had been scheduled for the period between February and June. This will complete the replacement of all asbestos school roofs in the electorate – and that's great news for teachers, parents and students.

I am pleased to advise that Prep enrolments in the Chatsworth Electorate as at Day 8 2007 were as follows:

School	Prep Full Time Equivalent (FTE)
Belmont State School	65
Camp Hill Infants and Primary	81
Carina State School	24
Gumdale State School	49
Mayfield State School	27
Tingalpa State School	31
Whites Hill State College	34