

Question on Notice

No. 1183

Asked on 28 August 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Premier's announcement on 22 June 2008 that solar panels would be installed on the roofs of Queensland's 1,251 state schools —

How many schools have had solar panels installed to date (listing the name of the school and the town it is in)?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government recognises the need to reduce the impact of climate change on Queensland. At the end of the \$60 million Solar and Energy Efficiency Program, every state school in Queensland will have a 2kw solar panel installed, as well as retrofits to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings.

Following the launch on 22 June 2008, a trial in 10 Queensland state schools of varying sizes and in different regions of the state was announced on 17 July 2008.

The 10 schools will have solar panels & energy efficiency measures installed before the start of the 2009 school year.

The trial will be evaluated and the program will be progressively implemented in all Queensland state schools and Outdoor and Environmental Education Centres over the next 2 ½ years.

The ten trial schools are:

- Albany Creek State School
- Annandale State School (Townsville)
- Charleville State School
- Coombah State High School (Gold Coast)
- Dutton Park State School
- Edge Hill State School (Cairns)
- Frenchville State School (Rockhampton)
- Holland Park State High School
- Kimberley Park State School (Logan)
- Mount Isa Central State School

Solar panels have also been installed on a total of 102 roofs in Queensland's state schools and Outdoor and Environmental Education Centres through previous programs.