

Question on Notice

No. 1574

Asked on 29 October 2008

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

—

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland Government's recently released extra maintenance funding under the State Schools of Tomorrow (SSoT) initiative — How will this affect the schools in the Cleveland Electorate?

ANSWER:

Seven Cleveland state schools will benefit from the Bligh Government's investment of an extra \$90 million over two years on state school maintenance. This is the single biggest funding injection into the maintenance of Queensland schools in the state's history.

Birkdale, Cleveland, Dunwich, Ormiston and Wellington Point State Schools, and Cleveland District and Wellington Point State High Schools will share a total budget of \$468,963 through this program.

The individual school breakdowns are detailed below:

Birkdale State School	\$58,058
Cleveland District State High School	\$139,700
Cleveland State School	\$23,760
Dunwich State School	\$36,630
Ormiston State School	\$52,690
Wellington Point State High School	\$125,675
Wellington Point State School	\$32,450

This funding will fast-track works such as painting and repairs and replacement of wall cladding, roofs, guttering, downpipes, windows, doors, posts, verandahs and staircases.

We have 22,000 buildings to maintain across the state so its imperative that we keep up with vital repairs and improvements.

This huge boost will make a big difference to the learning environments for our students.

Research shows the environment in which students learn can have a significant impact on the learning outcomes of students. Our students deserve the very best.

This funding will significantly enhance the State Government's schools maintenance program, bringing the total school maintenance budget for 2008-09 to \$125.3 million.

The Bligh Government is delivering world-class education and training – now and into the future.

We have a program in place to renew our older schools with modern infrastructure makeovers and build high-tech new ones to accommodate our growing student population.

Our \$850 million five-year *State Schools of Tomorrow* initiative is about planning for the future of education in Queensland and undertaking major renewal, maintenance and modernisation of state schools.