

Question on Notice

No. 1651

Asked on 11 November 2008

Dr Flegg, MP asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

DR FLEGG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MR WELFORD) – With reference to Community Snapshots posted on the Brisbane City Council's website utilising data from the previous four Census (sic) and reported in The Courier Mail on 31 October 2008 that shows that the suburb of Moggill has the highest population of babies and infants of any suburb of Brisbane (with 2.1% of the population under 1 year of age and 11% of the population under 5 years of age) and given that Kenmore State High School is now effectively at capacity and Mt Crosby State School is the largest feeder school but is outside the catchment area of Kenmore High School -

- (1) what is the likely impact of this demographic within the catchment of Kenmore State High School for parents who live just outside the catchment in Mt Crosby or Karana Downs?
- (2) What does the modelling show the impact of this demographic will be on enrolments at Kenmore State High school over the next 10 or 20 years?
- (3) If a high school is built to service the areas around Karalee, Karana Downs and Mt Crosby will this be a viable option for young families in the Moggill area to choose?

ANSWER:

The status of the suburb of Moggill as a strong growth area has always been incorporated into forecasts of demand for high school space in the wider Kenmore, Karana, and Moggill areas.

The modelling of the Moggill demographic has been incorporated into the assessments previously undertaken by the department. This is why I approved an expansion of capacity at Kenmore State High School. The first stage of these works is already underway.

Moggill has always been an integral part of Kenmore State High School's catchment.