

Question on Notice

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Asked on 4 December 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the hospital school that will be located at the new Queensland Children's Hospital in South Brisbane—

Will he provide details of (a) the budget of the new school, (b) the capacity and area and staffing numbers of the new school and (c) whether the school will be split between campuses of the Mater Children's and the new Queensland Children's Hospital (providing a comparison of the above details with existing education facilities at the Royal Children's and the Mater Children's Hospitals)?

ANSWER:

Education Queensland delivers educational services to students in hospital settings including hospitalised students and siblings and children of hospitalised parents.

Currently there are two hospital schools in Brisbane, one situated at the Mater Children's (MCH) and the other at Royal Brisbane Children's hospitals (RBCH). Both schools cater for in-school and in-ward service delivery, with RBCH also catering for adolescents up to 18 years old.

A new Queensland Children's Hospital (QCH) is proposed to open on a site adjacent to the Mater Hospital for 2014 which will combine services of both MCH and RBCH. It is predicted that there will be a 30 per cent increase in enrolments. A small presence will remain at the 'Royal Brisbane' for the Adolescent Mental Health Unit.

With respect to:-

(a) the budget of the new school

Departmental officers have developed a service and facilities brief and have been consulting with Queensland Health's Project Team regarding proposals for the new Queensland Children's Hospital School. The proposal for the new school has not been finalised as yet.

(b) the capacity and area and staffing numbers of the new school

The facilities and services brief when finalised will indicate the capacity, area and staffing numbers required for the New Children's Hospital.

(c) whether the school will be split between campuses of the Mater Children's and the new Queensland Children's Hospital (providing a comparison of the above details with existing education facilities at the Royal Children's and the Mater Children's Hospitals)?

A number of options are being explored which include utilising the existing Mater Children's school and an annex in the new Queensland Children's Hospital. Ideally, the school will be located in a single facility.