

Question on Notice

No. 461

Asked on 15 April 2008

**MRS SCOTT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(MR PITT) -**

QUESTION:

With reference to the proposed pedestrian overpass across Paradise Road, Slacks Creek linking the Mabel Park schools – When will the design be finalised and is there a planned commencement date for the work?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Woodridge for the question.

As the Honourable member would know, the Queensland Government launched the Review of Split Campus Schools after the tragic event at Redcliffe State High School in 2006.

In mid-2007 the Queensland Government notified Mabel Park State High School and Mabel Park Primary School that they were selected in the Review of Split Campus Schools, to receive a grade separated crossing for pedestrians.

After consultation with the community, Main Roads received overwhelming support for the construction of the pedestrian overpass between these schools to ensure the maximum possible safety for all students.

I am advised that the design for the overpass linking both Mabel Park State Schools is being progressively undertaken in consultation with the school community. While there is no confirmed commencement date for the work at this early stage of consultation, the overpass design is expected to be finalised in the third school term.

It is anticipated that relocation of services will commence during the September 2008 school holidays and construction of foundations and the superstructure will follow. If the anticipated timeframes can be met, it is likely the overpass will be open in time for the start of the 2009 school year. This is subject to ongoing discussions with the Mabel Park primary and secondary schools.