

Question on Notice

No. 1460

Asked on 8 October 2009

Mrs Pratt asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

QUESTION:

With reference to asbestos in schools in the Nanango electorate—

- (1) How many schools have been earmarked for the removal of flooring and/or floor coverings containing asbestos?
- (2) Have all schools with asbestos roofing had that asbestos removed?
- (3) What is the schedule for asbestos removal (listing schools in order of receiving attention)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her questions.

Three schools in the Nanango electorate are currently having a number of vinyl floors suspected of containing asbestos checked and replaced as required. Should the validation process confirm that the flooring contains asbestos, these floors will be scheduled to be completed before the start of the 2010 school year.

All remaining asbestos roofing was previously removed under the Asbestos Roof Replacement Program which was completed in 2007.

A register of known and suspected asbestos containing materials is maintained in the electronic Built Environment Materials Information Register.

The condition of asbestos in schools is inspected and monitored regularly through condition assessment inspections and specific asbestos inspections undertaken by the Department of Public Works.

It is the policy of the Department to remove asbestos containing materials if they are determined to be a risk, based on advice from the Department of Public Works.