

Question on Notice
No. 1718
Asked on 10 November 2009

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise which schools in the Everton Electorate have benefited to date from the State Schools of Tomorrow initiative and how many will benefit from the next round of the program?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question and his interest in the State Schools of Tomorrow (SSOT) program in his electorate.

The Tomorrow's Schools package was announced by the Queensland Government in the 2006–07 Budget and allocates a record amount for modernising and renewing school facilities across Queensland. The package includes:

- \$850m for the State Schools of Tomorrow five-year (2006/07 to 2010/11) capital works program for state schools;
- \$50m for the School Community Development Fund for state school communities for small projects to improve a school's learning environment.

Through the School Community Development Fund schools in the electorate of Everton received \$503,500 in grants to fund minor works projects.

The \$850m State Schools of Tomorrow initiative is comprised of two rounds.

Round one consists of four projects valued at \$390.3m which will deliver new and substantially refurbished facilities to clusters of schools located at Innisfail, Inala, Eastern Ipswich and Brisbane Bayside creating more than an estimated 3,000 jobs during construction.

Round two includes \$90m for school maintenance projects; \$30m for housing maintenance backlog, \$200m for the Classroom Renewal program (renewal of classrooms, libraries, computer rooms and science rooms at hundreds of schools across the State) and a \$50m capital grant for the non-state sector in support of facilities for disengaged youth.

Through the School External Finishes Upgrade program, schools in the electorate are set to receive \$189,692 over the 2008-09 and 2009-10 financial years to address external maintenance works such as painting, repairs and replacement of roofs and gutters, verandahs and stairs.

Through the \$200m State Schools of Tomorrow Round two Classroom renewal program, 305 state schools will receive renewal funding across the state creating an estimated 1,540 jobs during construction.

In total there are 1820 learning areas including 25 trial projects in 17 schools across Queensland.

In the electorate of Everton, the State Schools of Tomorrow Round two Classroom renewal program will deliver upgrades to five schools worth more than \$3.3 million:

School	Project	Budget
Albany Creek State School	8 minor classroom upgrades	\$281,135
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Albany Creek State High School	18 minor classroom upgrades	\$632,554
Everton Park State School	5 major classroom upgrades	\$702,838
McDowall State School	10 minor classroom upgrades	\$351,419

An additional project at Albany Creek State High School, the upgrade of classrooms in Block M at a cost of \$1.1m, was recently completed during the trial stage of the program, with the remainder of the projects scheduled to have detailed planning completed this financial year with construction of the upgraded facilities due for completion in the 2010–11 financial year.