

Question on Notice

No. 1801

Asked on Thursday 12 November 2009

DR DOUGLAS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CHILD SAFETY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR REEVES)—

Will the Minister outline the items to be removed from the Carrara Stadium construction site and guarantee these items will not be demolished but distributed to local Gold Coast community groups and sporting clubs?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government has committed funding of \$60 million towards the estimated \$126 million redevelopment of Carrara Stadium on the Gold Coast to support the introduction of a 17th AFL team.

This funding is yet another example of the Bligh Government's commitment to job creation projects to help navigate Queensland through the global financial crisis.

The redevelopment is estimated to generate more than 950 jobs during construction, providing much needed work for people in the construction industry and anywhere up to 700 jobs per event once it is operational in mid 2011.

Once completed, it is estimated the Stadium will contribute \$340 million to the economy over the next 10 years. Much of this economic benefit will be as a result of business generated by game day patrons and interstate travellers visiting the Gold Coast for events at the stadium in the accommodation, food and beverage, transport and local retail sectors. The Club itself will also generate a number of jobs.

Contractors advised prior to demolition that the integrity of the old grandstand structures was poor and that these would not stand up to the rigours of relocation.

More than 2,680m³ of concrete, 350 tonnes of scrap steel, 250 kilograms of copper, 13 tonnes of aluminium and the turf have been salvaged and sent off for recycling. 5.65 tonnes of plastic seating will be shredded and reused to make such things as wheelie bins and plastic nursery pots.

The majority of seats in the venue were cracked or damaged due to sun exposure and had deteriorated beyond their useful life. Some of the newer seats have been salvaged by the Gold Coast Football Club and the Club is looking at how these seats can be reused. One option under consideration is to donate the salvaged seats to local AFL clubs.

Any seats being reused would need to be thoroughly inspected by the intending recipients for deterioration, UV degradation and/or cracks. The insurers of premises where they are intended to be installed would also need to be advised of their source of origin and condition/liability for reuse.

The recipients who inherit equipment also inherit the ongoing responsibility to ensure the equipment is safe for reuse and appropriately certified.