

Question on Notice
No. 1806
Asked on 12 November 2009

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise about the roll out of the State Schools of Tomorrow program and the progress of new schools in the Albert Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

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:

- \$850 million for the State Schools of Tomorrow five-year (2006–07 to 2010–11) capital works program for state schools; and
- \$50 million 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 in 2006-07 schools in the electorate of Albert received \$564,800 in grants to fund minor works projects.

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

Round one consists of four projects valued at \$390.3 million 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 \$90 million for school (external finishes) maintenance priorities; \$30 million for housing maintenance priorities, \$200m for the Classroom Renewal program (renewal of classrooms, libraries, computer rooms and science rooms at hundreds of schools across the State) and a \$50 million 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 of Albert are to receive \$200,841 over the 2008-09 and 2009-10 financial years to address external maintenance works such as painting, repairs and replacement of roofs, gutters, verandahs and stairs.

Through the State Schools of Tomorrow Round two Classroom renewal program, 305 state schools will receive renewal funding across the state, creating an estimated 1540 jobs during construction.

In total there are 1820 learning areas being upgraded in 305 schools including 25 trial projects in 17 schools across Queensland.

I have been advised by the department that under the State Schools of Tomorrow, Round two Classroom renewal program, Mount Warren Park State School is approved to receive four major classroom upgrades with a budget of \$562,800.

The detailed planning for this project is scheduled to occur this financial year with construction of the upgraded facilities due for completion in the 2010–11 financial year.

In addition, Oxenford State School was included in the trial project stage of this program with four classrooms upgraded in Block B at a cost of \$518,722.