

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1927**

**Asked on 25 November 2009**

**MR WENDT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (MS PALASZCZUK)—

Will the Minister advise the benefits that All Ability Playgrounds provide for children with a disability and their parents?

### **ANSWER:**

The Queensland Government is investing \$4.6 million to deliver 16 new All Abilities Playgrounds in partnership with local regional councils. The goal of the Queensland 'All Abilities Playground' initiative is to enable all children to participate in play.

The project recognises that play is a fundamental right of all children and that children with disabilities should be able to play side-by-side with their siblings and peers.

The 16 All Abilities Playgrounds are being constructed in Ayr, Blackwater, Broadbeach, Capalaba, Edmonton, Gympie, Logan Central, Mackay, Mossman, Mount Isa, New Mapoon, Normanton, Pinalba, Texas, Thuringowa Central and Yeppoon.

Three of the 16 All Abilities Playground projects—Mount Isa, Thuringowa and Texas—have been completed and officially opened. The remaining 13 are anticipated to be completed throughout 2010.

As a result of Queensland's All Abilities Playground project, more children, with and without a disability, are able to access and participate in play, which is fundamental to their health, well-being and learning. It provides a safe and free community resource where families can relax and play together.