Question on Notice

No. 607

Asked on 25 March 2010

Mr Moorhead Member for Waterford asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

QUESTION: Will the Minister advise what extra funding will come to schools in the Waterford Electorate from the Low Socio-economic Status National Partnership?

ANSWFR:

I thank the Member for his question and I have been advised by the Department there are six schools in the Waterford electorate which will receive an additional \$16.64 million when they participate in the Low Socio-economic Status School Communities National Partnership program.

The schools and their respective funding allocation are:

- Beenleigh State High School (SHS) \$3.25 million
- Beenleigh State School (SS) \$1.46 million
- Loganlea SHS \$2.28 million
- Mabel Park SS \$2.36 million
- Marsden SHS \$5.22 million
- Waterford West SS \$2.07 million

The Low Socio-economic Status School Communities National Partnership is a joint initiative between the Australian Government, the Queensland Department of Education and Training and the Queensland Catholic and Independent school sectors. 170 state and non-state schools located in low socio-economic status communities will participate in the National Partnership which will provide an additional \$231.75 million over the period 2009-15.

The additional funds will be used along with State funds to improve student outcomes through innovative approaches to leadership, school operations, teaching, student learning and parent community partnerships.

Each school will participate in the National Partnership for four years and develop a School Strategic Plan in consultation with its school community. The plan will set out the innovative strategies and initiatives which will be implemented to lift student performance.

School participation in the National Partnership is phased in, with Marsden SHS, Waterford West SS, Mabel Park SS and Loganlea SHS all implementing their strategic plans and Beenleigh SHS and Beenleigh SS to begin development and implementation of their plans during 2010-11.