Question on Notice

No. 639

Asked on 13 April 2010

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

QUESTION: Will the Minister provide information in relation to the current progress of BER projects planned for schools in the Mt Ommaney Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question and her interest in the Building the Education Program (BER) in her electorate.

I have been advised by the Department that as part of the BER program the Australian Government has approved 24 projects totalling over \$17 million for state schools in the Mount Ommaney Electorate.

This includes \$15.85 million allocated for 10 projects in six state primary schools under the Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) element of the BER program, which will facilitate the construction of libraries, halls and other large scale infrastructure.

There is also \$1.45 million for 14 projects in eight state primary, special and secondary schools under the National School Pride (NSP) element of the BER program.

Development and design of the multipurpose halls and resource centres for Corinda State School and Jamboree Heights State School are currently in progress. Forecast completion of works for both schools is for March 2011.

Projects are currently out to tender at both Jindalee State School and Middle Park State School with work scheduled for completion in December 2010.

I am advised that work on the multipurpose hall and resource centre at Oxley State School is completed, along with the resource centre at Mount Ommaney Special School.

A range of small scale refurbishment and renewal projects, of state schools in the Mount Ommaney electorate have been completed under the NSP element, these schools are Corinda State High School, Corinda State School, Jamboree Heights State School, Oxley State School, Middle Park State School, Jindalee State School and Mount Ommaney Special School. The NSP project at Centenary State High is scheduled for completion 30 June 2010.

The feedback I have received from school communities who have completed new and refurbished buildings under the BER program has been overwhelmingly positive.