

Question on Notice
No. 1019
Asked on 16 June 2011

Mr Gibson asked the Minister for Education and Industrial Relations (Mr CR Dick) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the ongoing growth within the Gympie Electorate and the recent announcement of year 7 moving to high school—

What reviews have been undertaken by the department to determine what the need will be for new primary, secondary or special schools in the future for the electorate (reported by area and school type) and what major facility upgrades will be required to existing primary, secondary or special schools in the future (reported by area and school type)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

On 9 June 2011 the Queensland Government announced that Year 7 would transition to secondary school for the start of the 2015 school year.

The Government will provide \$328.2 million in new capital funding over four years to support the transition of Year 7 to state secondary schools and an additional \$81.3 million in new funding for capital assistance grants to assist non-state schools.

Infrastructure will be delivered in state schools on a school-by-school basis to meet the long-term educational needs of communities.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) will take into account all existing and forecast enrolments and school capacities.

DET undertakes forward planning of school requirements on an annual rolling basis.

Current and forecast enrolment projections of primary, secondary and special schools serving the Gympie electorate show they are all operating below their capacities at this time.

DET will continue to monitor state schools in the Gympie electorate, as with all state schools across Queensland, to ensure appropriate planning occurs for any possible enrolment changes.