

Question on Notice

No. 898

Asked on 14 June 2011

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

QUESTION:

As the \$3.3m Glenvale School BER project was originally due for completion on 26 November 2010—

Will the Minister detail how the balance of \$1.653m was spent after the hall extension (\$0.612m) and resource centre (\$1.053m) were constructed and why the following matters are still outstanding: (a) completion and handover, (b) contingency figure, (c) sound and lighting for the multi-purpose hall, (d) under stage storage system, (e) bench seating at library, (f) library carpet, (g) steps to oval, (h) rectification of internal roads and (i) concrete path from hall to existing pathway?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The Building the Education Revolution (BER) program is delivering close to \$2.1 billion investment in 4,500 infrastructure projects across Queensland state schools. The whole community is reaping the benefits from this BER program which is delivering real work for Queensland businesses, real jobs for locals and modern facilities for our schools.

I have been advised by the Department of Education and Training that Glenvale State School's new BER library and hall extension were completed and handed over to the school on 10 June 2011.

The tender result was more than 29.5 per cent below the pre tender estimate, and equating to approximately \$633,557 in "savings" is a very positive outcome which allowed significant additional works to be incorporated in the school's BER project that were not initially considered possible at the pre-tender (PDP) stage.

The saving achieved at tender of \$633,557, plus the original contingency allowance of \$142,630, signed off by the school in the original planning documentation, as well as a further \$2,619 saving in design fees, meant that the school actually had \$778,806 of contingency funding available.

The additional works paid for out of contingency included but were not limited to:

- The supply and installation of playground equipment – \$128,310
- Additional air conditioning for the resource centre – \$74,455
- Additional cut and fill for resource centre – \$52,020
- Relocation of fibre optic cable – \$15,890
- Additional joinery/power and data to resource centre – \$7,433
- Concrete stairs – \$45,045
- Supply and installation of new projectors – \$11,203
- Front entry 1 to hall/front entry 2 to hall/hall internal – \$224,919
- Oval tank works – \$63,558
- Retaining wall 2 – \$18,588

- Supply and installation of hall power and conduits - \$9,493
- Additional furniture fittings and equipment - \$67,574

There were also credits to the project budget resulting from scope changes during the detailed design and construction phases and adjustments to allowances. On 15 June 2011, the project had a remaining contingency of \$36,827 and a remaining furniture, fitting and equipment allowance of \$52,425. These funds will be utilised at the discretion of the school.

The school has been consulted on a number of remaining priorities, including:

- supply and installation of sound and lighting for the multi-purpose hall - quoted at \$40,745 (stage lighting bar \$24,016 and hall audio system \$16,729);
- under stage storage system – quoted at a cost of \$11,866;
- supply and installation of the bench seating in the library – quoted at \$2,212; and
- the concrete path from the hall to the existing pathway has been completed at a cost of \$2,211. However, the school has requested additional pathway works on the southern side of the hall and will employ a contractor of their own choosing to complete the works to be funded from the remaining contingency fund.

The carpet in the library was noted as one of the defects at project completion and was replaced on 3 June 2011 at the cost of the contractor. In addition, the concrete path from the hall to the existing pathway is complete as is rectification work to the internal roads.