

Question on Notice

No. 349

Asked on 2 May 2013

Mr Knuth asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (Mr Langbroek) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise if a new toilet block for Richmond Hill State School will replace the demolished toilet block, thus providing adequate toilets for staff who are now forced to wait in long queues?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

I have been advised by the Department of Education, Training and Employment that despite the removal of this facility, there are adequate numbers of toilets still remaining on site, including toilet facilities located at both under cover areas, in the new Resource Block and Prep classrooms, and in the Administration Block.

Prior to demolition of the toilet block, consideration was given to the most appropriate use of available resources and the amenities requirements for the school. However, as the facility was approximately 50 years old, in need of substantial maintenance and refurbishment, and surplus to those required for the school, it was removed.

It is acknowledged that there is only one unisex toilet in the Administration Block; however, planning is currently underway to provide an additional two female pedestals adjacent to the staff room. While this work is being undertaken, there are sufficient staff amenities in the other buildings across the site.

In relation to the number of toilet facilities required to be provided in our schools, the Building Code of Australia (BCA) prescribes the allocation of sanitary fixtures (such as toilet pedestals, urinals and hand basins) for schools in accordance with enrolments.

The toilet amenities provided for Richmond Hill State School comply with these requirements.