

Question on Notice

No. 623

Asked on 10 September 2013

Mr Ruthenberg asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (MR LANGBROEK) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the key construction dates and milestones for the proposed new high school that is scheduled to be opened in the Kallangur Electorate in 2015?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

I have been advised by my Department that the new high school to be opened in the Kallangur Electorate in 2015 is one of 10 new schools to be built in high growth areas of South East Queensland under the Queensland Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

The Queensland Schools PPP Project will engage the private sector to design, construct, finance, maintain and provide facilities management services for the package of schools for a period of approximately 25 years.

The Queensland Schools PPP Project is currently in the Binding Bid stage of the procurement phase, which is being undertaken by Projects Queensland, a stand-alone unit within Queensland Treasury and Trade.

It is expected that contract close will occur in December 2013, at which time the Project will be handed over to my Department to oversee and contract manage the construction and operational phases of the Project.

Construction of the new high school in the Kallangur Electorate is scheduled to commence in January 2014, with the school expected to be open for start of the 2015 school year.

This school will be an Independent Public School and it is anticipated that the Principal will be appointed during the middle of 2014 to assist with the final stages of the construction and fit-out program. The Principal will also be undertaking community consultation on such issues as school name, uniform design, implementation of the Parents and Citizens' Association, and enrolments. During this consultation process the community will have the opportunity to view the school design.

Community engagement will be led by the Principal to ensure active involvement in the development of the school and this will involve community meetings and the formation of school-community consultative processes.