

Question on Notice

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Asked on 12 September 2013

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

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QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details on the project plan, including estimated completion dates, for the new Undurba and Jinibara State School kindergartens in the Kallangur Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The Newman Government is committed to providing access to quality education and care across the State. Both national and international research has shown that children who participate in a quality early childhood education program are better prepared to start school.

The Queensland Government is well on-track to delivering universal access to kindergarten by 2014, in line with our commitment under the National Partnership Agreement for Early Childhood Education with the Australian Government.

Planning for the new kindergartens is well underway. A Design and Construct contract was awarded on 30 September 2013 for Jinibara State School kindergarten. The program forecasts construction completion in March 2014 which includes a four week design and documentation period, a 14 week construction period, and contingency for any construction delays.

Undurba State School kindergarten project is in the planning phase. The elongated planning phase and the delay in the delivery of this kindergarten will ensure that the best outcome for both the state school and the kindergarten are achieved. The kindergarten is not scheduled to be complete until the end of the 2014 year for opening at the start of 2015 school year.