

Question on Notice

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Asked on 29 October 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the specific timeframe, actions and outcomes to be expected by the Redcliffe community, with regard to the Redcliffe State High School being over capacity by 104 percent?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

Providing for the future schooling needs of the State is a high priority for the Queensland Government and for the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE).

In July 2012, I established the Queensland Schools Planning Commission as a Ministerial Advisory Committee. The Commission is working with the State and non-State education sectors to streamline and coordinate the processes for the planning, establishment and expansion of all schools across Queensland. The Commission provides the Government with advice and recommendations, drawing on evidence, expertise and consultation with key stakeholders.

I am aware that schools on the Redcliffe Peninsula continue to experience enrolment growth. We are planning for this growth as well as preparing our schools for the move of Year 7 to secondary in 2015. Departmental planning officers have worked closely with regions, schools and school community representatives in determining the infrastructure required for individual schools.

I have been advised by my Department that consultation has recently occurred with the Redcliffe Special School and its Parents and Citizens' Association, the Redcliffe State High School and its Parents and Citizens' Association as well as the staff and students of Brisbane North Institute of TAFE (Redcliffe Campus) on the re-alignment of education and training services in the vicinity of Redcliffe State High School, in an effort to maximise the use of DETE's land and buildings.

The realignment of education and training services will ensure that the Redcliffe State High School is ready for the move of Year 7 in 2015 and long term accommodation needs in the local area are met. At present, my Department is in the process of finalising the outcomes of the consultation and a decision will be made in the near future.

My Department will continue to monitor progress across Queensland, including the Redcliffe Peninsula, and plan for new schools and additional capacity within existing schools as required.