

**Question on Notice**

**No. 856**

**Asked on 20 November 2013**

**Ms Barton** asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (MR LANGBROEK)

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**QUESTION:**

How will the recent maintenance funding allocations affect schools in the Broadwater Electorate?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for her question.

The Newman Government is empowering school communities to work together to address school maintenance through the Advancing our Schools Maintenance initiative.

The initiative is specifically focussed on the \$300 million maintenance backlog that the Newman Government inherited in 2012.

I have been advised by my Department that the four schools and the Runaway Bay Sport and Leadership Excellence Centre in the Broadwater Electorate have been allocated \$1,536,558 from this year's Advancing our Schools Maintenance initiative to address planned maintenance. These schools have also received \$109,619 to address routine breakdown maintenance needs.

In the first round of Advancing our Schools Maintenance, the initiative allocated up to \$160,000 per school to address pre-existing planned maintenance tasks as identified in 2011–12 Maintenance Assessment Reports.

Schools in the Broadwater Electorate have now received a total of \$2,336,558 under this initiative.

An added benefit is that as a result of revised maintenance delivery methodologies introduced by my Department, Queensland state schools are saving an average of around 20% when compared to the indicative costs detailed in their Maintenance Assessment Reports.

Coombabah State High School, Labrador State School and the Runaway Bay Sport and Leadership Excellence Centre have elected to take control of their maintenance delivery and are directly engaging with the market to address their maintenance needs.

The Government has a strong commitment to improving school maintenance and Advancing our Schools Maintenance is a significant investment in providing schools with the funding and the autonomy to address their planned maintenance requirements.