

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 231**  
**Asked on 20 March 2014**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline what improvements the State Government has made to Education Services and School Infrastructure in the Warrego Electorate since March 2012?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Newman Government is committed to improving the learning outcomes of all students across Queensland.

I am pleased to advise that since March 2012, the Newman Government has worked with schools and the local communities of the Warrego Electorate to enhance education services and facilities.

This includes investment in important school infrastructure and building developments, greater allocations for school maintenance, enhancements to information and communication and technology (ICT) network services and infrastructure, additional school teaching and non-teaching support services as well as additional funding to support school autonomy and local decision making.

The Government has invested approximately \$19,959,846 for major capital works in state schools within the Warrego Electorate since March 2012.

As part of the Newman Government's commitment to maintaining school facilities, school communities are being empowered to work together to address school maintenance through the Advancing our Schools Maintenance (AoSM) and Fixing Our Schools initiatives. These programs provide \$300 million state-wide over the 2012–13 to 2014–15 financial years to help address the pre-existing maintenance backlogs left behind by the former Government.

The AoSM initiative has benefited schools in the Warrego Electorate by providing total funding of \$7,307,067 since the program commenced in 2012–13.

These schools have also received \$711,998 to address routine breakdown/emergency maintenance. Additional maintenance funding of \$814,472 has been provided under Special Maintenance Programs (e.g. Maintenance Renewal, Targeted Program), to assist these schools to tackle high maintenance liability, asbestos removal, or swimming pool maintenance.

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring that all special needs students have support to meet their full potential. As part of this commitment, the Government has implemented the \$3.5 million eLearning initiative for special need students. In total, 88 iPads were provided to state schools in the Warrego Electorate that host special education programs.

In addition to this allocation, 534 laptops with a value of \$532,259.85 have been provided by the Computers for Teachers scheme and are currently delivering a further 171 replacement laptops (\$183,654 funded) to schools in the Warrego Electorate.

A total of \$19,118 was spent for broadband upgrades to two schools, Miles State High School and Tara Shire State College, using the State funding component of the National Secondary School Computer Fund project.

The Department has invested a further \$465,496 to provide additional network services and infrastructure to schools in the Warrego Electorate since March 2012 and over \$686,000 in supplementary ICT grants have been allocated directly to schools in the Warrego Electorate to support enhancements to existing ICT services and infrastructure.

Across the state, the Newman Government also committed up to \$26 million over four years to give principals more choice to select tailored literacy and numeracy programs that are matched to the needs of their students. Through the *Getting the Basics Right — Literacy and Numeracy* grants program, schools in the Warrego Electorate have benefited from over \$240,000 in funding to support specific literacy and numeracy programs since 2012.

Furthermore, as part of the Newman Government's \$54 million *Boosting Prep for our Children's Future* commitment to increasing teacher aide time for Prep classes, five State Schools have received a total of 65.5 additional teacher-aide hours per week in 2014. These schools include; Injune P-10 State School, Surat State School, Thargomindah State School, Wallumbilla State School and Yuleba State School. This initiative boosts the number of adults available to work with our youngest students to ensure that they get the very best start to their schooling.

Finally, in January this year, the Premier and I announced the *Great Results Guarantee*, which is providing an additional \$131 million to Queensland state schools in 2014 as the first stage of approximately \$794 million being made available from the Australian Government over four years.

All Queensland state schools will share in this additional *Great Results Guarantee* funding, with the 47 state schools in the Warrego Electorate allocated an estimated \$1.588 million in 2014 over and above the regular resourcing they receive each year.

These programs and investments signal the Newman Government's commitment to boosting educational outcomes in this state.