

## Question on Notice

No. 1056

Asked on 15 October 2015

**MR KRAUSE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS, SMALL BUSINESS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the three state high schools in the Beaudesert region – Beaudesert State High School, Tamborine Mountain State High School and Flagstone Community College, that are at or nearing capacity and have implemented enrolment management plans to ensure local children can attend those schools, and the recommendations of the Queensland Schools Planning Commission, which highlighted the need for an additional two new high schools in the Beaudesert and Jimboomba SA3 statistical areas by 2020—

Will the Minister inform the Assembly when construction of a new state high school in the region will commence, and where this new state high school will be located?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The Department continues to actively monitor population growth in the area and will continue working with the Logan City Council and local property developers to ensure all students have access to quality state education facilities.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to catering for growth however, we have faced significant challenges after the former LNP government's Public Private Partnership (PPP) model left a black hole in the capital works budget.

Previous PPP models have ensured that capital works costs are spread over a 30 year period however, under the LNP's model the higher capital costs are carried in the early years and are set to cost a minimum of \$108 million this year.

In this climate, the former Minister failed to deliver additional funding to the capital works budget, despite the high upfront PPP costs.

Over the past 5 years base funding for capital works has sat around \$300 million and, as a result of the former Minister's decision, we faced a situation where more than one third of the funding was needed to service the PPP debt for schools in South East Queensland only.

Fortunately, in this year's State Budget, the Palaszczuk Government was able to deliver a \$456 million investment in capital works.

A departmental review of state high schools in the Jimboomba SA3 indicates that no new high school is likely to be required before 2021, although expansions of Flagstone State Community College may be required.

I wish to bring to the Member's attention the Queensland Schools Planning Commission was not limited to identifying the future need for state schools in regions across Queensland, but also included non-state schools.

The Queensland Schools Planning Commission identified that one additional state or non-state high school be required by 2021 in the Beaudesert region and, as the Member would be aware, McAuley Catholic College is planned to open in Beaudesert in 2017.