

Question on Notice

No. 1103

Asked on 27 October 2015

DR MCVEIGH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS, SMALL BUSINESS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail what the capital expenditure is for schools in the Toowoomba South Electorate broken down by school and how the amount of funding in the 2015-16 Budget differs from funding allocated in the 2014-15 Budget and what projects are planned with the expenditure allocated?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The Department of Education and Training continues to work with school communities across the state to invest significant capital works funding in new and existing schools.

The Department prioritises project proposals to ensure that the funding the Department receives is allocated to the areas of greatest need. Capital funding by school varies year on year as we plan and support our growing school communities and build the quality infrastructure required by 21st century learners.

In relation to funding by school, the Department's Capital Statement (Budget Paper 3) for the portfolio outlines the funding allocated by school for projects over \$250,000. I encourage the Member to review the 2014-15 Capital Statement, available on Queensland Treasury's website at: <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/publications-resources/state-budget/2014-15/budget-papers/documents/bp3-2014-15.pdf> and the 2015-16 Capital Statement, available online at: <http://www.budget.qld.gov.au/budget-papers/documents/bp3-2015-16.pdf>

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to investing in Queensland state schools and has increased capital works funding by \$64 million for the 2015-16 financial year. In total the State Budget is delivering more than \$456 million for education capital works in 2015-16 across hundreds of capital projects in the portfolio. This additional investment will help ensure that Queensland state schools continue to provide the highest quality learning experiences for students across the state.

These investments are making real differences for our students.