

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Thursday, 4 June 2015

MRS SMITH ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (DR LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the minister advise what the Labor Government's future plans are for the old Oxley State High School site as a number of residents in my electorate have contacted my office about this?

ANSWER:

The former Oxley State High School was closed on 31 December 2000. For the following 13 years, Biosecurity Queensland's Fire Ant Control Centre operated from part of the site, until it was relocated to Richlands in early 2014.

The Centenary Dancing Academy leased part of the buildings and vacated the site in December 2014. Since this time the site has been vacant and surplus to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines' operational requirements.

This government is committed to managing the state's property portfolio for the public benefit, providing opportunities for economic growth, job creation and the development of liveable communities.

Therefore, the future of this site is under investigation by Property Queensland within the Department of State Development and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, with a view to deliver the best outcome for the community for this surplus land parcel.