

Question on Notice

No. 574

Asked on 15 July 2015

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how schools and families in the Bulimba Electorate have benefitted from additional education funding announced in the State Budget?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

I can advise that the Palaszczuk Government has confirmed its commitment to education with a record \$9 billion investment announced in the 2015-16 State Budget.

Schools and families in the Bulimba Electorate will share in this Government's investment in education through:

- \$152 million over three years to employ 875 extra teachers above those required for growth, in state schools across Queensland, which will provide more than five FTE teacher positions across the seven schools in your electorate;
- \$8.9 million over three years to employ 45 new full-time guidance officers, that will result in every Queensland state school with more than 500 secondary students having a full-time guidance officer or equivalent;
- \$456 million worth of capital works funding for schools and early childhood education and care centres providing extra classrooms and refurbishments to existing facilities. Within the Bulimba Electorate, Bulimba State School is receiving \$7 million towards additional learning spaces to meet enrolment growth;
- \$763.4 million over four years for state school maintenance projects including a commitment for special education facilities to receive \$10 million in 2015-16 to maintain facilities and improve access for students with a disability; and
- \$14.2 million over the next four years to build the capacity of kindergartens to deliver inclusive programs to support children with disability.