

Question on Notice

No. 581

Asked on 15 July 2015

MRS FRECKLINGTON ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION:

For each Department of Training property or facility will the Minister provide (a) the value of scheduled maintenance works for 2015–16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken, and (b) the value of scheduled capital works for 2015–16, by facility, including a brief description of the works to be undertaken?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

The Palaszczuk Government believes that in a decentralised State like Queensland, Government building projects help deliver employment when and where it is most needed.

The 2015–16 State Budget, released on 14 July 2015 by the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, includes an estimated \$10.1 billion spend on infrastructure across Queensland this financial year, supporting an estimated 27,500 direct jobs.

As the Treasurer outlined in his budget speech, this year's capital works budget is higher by nearly \$400 million, compared to the estimated actual spend last year. For more details relating to planned works, I refer the Honourable Member to the publicly available 2015–16 State Budget Papers, in particular Budget Paper No.3 titled Capital Statement and to the Department of Education and Training's Service Delivery Statement.

While I do not believe that it would be practicable, nor would it be reasonable, to divert the resources of the Department to outline every single individual work in this answer as requested in the Member's question, if the Member has a specific question about work at a specific facility then I would be more than happy to seek the information.

In addition, it should be noted that to ensure that the use of Queensland's training facilities is optimised, the Palaszczuk Government is developing a 10-year Strategic Asset Management Plan for training assets that takes into consideration the training needs of the community and the appropriate use of facilities.

In preparation for the development of the Plan, the Department will be undertaking an audit of all Queensland's training assets, including buildings, fixtures and equipment. The audit will assess their physical condition and deliver a condition assessment for the assets, identifying maintenance and capital works requirements for prioritisation by the Department.