

Question on Notice

No. 693

Asked on 17 July 2015

MS BOYD 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 what positive impacts the recent Palaszczuk Government Budget will have in schools in my electorate, Pine Rivers?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

The Palaszczuk Government's 2015-16 Budget includes record funding of \$9 billion for education and early childhood services.

This Budget will deliver more teachers, boost student support, improve access for students with disability, upgrade facilities and build new schools. Schools, including those in the Pine Rivers Electorate, will share in this Government's investment in education:

\$456 million invested through the capital works program in 2015-16, to build and upgrade state schools and early childhood education and care facilities.

\$152 million will be delivered over three years to employ 875 extra teachers above those required to meet enrolment growth. In total, 2,500 new teaching positions will be delivered between 2016 and 2018.

This will provide an additional 5 FTE teachers for the 7 state schools in the electorate of Pine Rivers.

In addition, \$8.9 million will be provided over three years for 45 additional full-time guidance officers to ensure that every Queensland state school with 500 or more secondary students has access to a full-time secondary guidance officer or equivalent.

The budget also includes more than \$763 million over four years for state school maintenance.