

Question on Notice
No. 697
Asked on 17 July 2015

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the warmly received and much needed recent budget announcement of \$58,778 for replacement playground equipment at Zillmere State School —

Will the Minister advise how the equipment will improve the educational experience for students at the school?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

The Palaszczuk Government's 2015-16 Budget includes a record \$9 billion investment for the education sector. This Budget will deliver more teachers, boost student support, improve access for students with disability, upgrade facilities and build new schools.

I have been advised by the Department of Education and Training that Zillmere State School has been allocated \$58,788 under the 2015-16 Smart School Subsidy Scheme, which will pay for the majority share of its new playground equipment.

The new playground equipment, will replace an existing timber playground at the school, providing an improvement to the students' play experiences and affording greater opportunities for physical activity. It is expected that all students at the school from Prep to Year 6 will use the new playground equipment during school break times.

With the new modern playground equipment designed with the learning and development needs of the students in mind, it will also enhance their educational experience. The equipment will promote the development of the students' fine and gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

I commend Zillmere State School for its commitment to progress this project for the benefit of the school and broader community.