

Question on Notice

No. 728

Asked on 17 July 2015

MR RUSSO ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS, SMALL BUSINESS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON MS JONES) –

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his 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. Schools, including those in the Sunnybank Electorate, will share in this Government's investment in education through:

- \$152 million over three years 2016-18 to employ 875 extra teachers above those required to meet enrolment growth, with an additional 11 teacher FTE across the 13 state schools in the Members electorate of Sunnybank;
- \$8.9 million over three years for 45 additional full-time guidance officer to ensure that every Queensland state school with 500 or more secondary students has access to a full-time secondary guidance officer or equivalent;
- \$2 million being invested to progressively upgrade the fire sprinkler systems in state schools;
- \$178 million invested in state school maintenance in 2015-16;
- \$41.2 million in capital grant funding for non-state schools in 2015-16 as part of a three-year commitment totalling \$123.6 million; and
- \$456 million invested in the capital works program in 2015-16, to build and upgrade state schools and early childhood education and care facilities.

I have been advised by the Department of Education and Training that the budget specifically benefits the Sunnybank electorate through a capital works allocation to MacGregor State School of \$3.3 million for additional accommodation; and \$3.4 million for Runcorn State High School towards the construction of the Metro South Engineering Trade Skills Centre.