

Question on Notice

No. 889

Asked on 17 September 2015

MISS BARTON 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, for the current year and each year in the forward estimates, what the estimated yearly budget expenditure is for the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre, reported separately for (a) staff costs, (b) administrative costs, (c) capital works, (d) maintenance, and (e) other categories?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games leave a lasting legacy for the Gold Coast and Queensland.

The Government is investing \$320 million to deliver new and upgraded sports venues including the Carrara Sports Precinct, Coomera Indoor Sports Centre, the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre and the Runaway Bay Sport and Leadership Centre (RBSLEC).

These new and upgraded facilities will help the Gold Coast attract major international events that will boost tourism and create jobs for locals. We are already seeing the benefits flow to the region with the Gold Coast securing the 2017 Badminton World Federation Sudirman Cup and the 2020 World Bowl Championships which are expected to generate an economic impact of more than \$15 million.

RBSLEC will play an important role in the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and I am pleased to report that as part of the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to the Games, I have recently approved the allocation of \$5,083,930 to the centre for upgrades to the Hockey pitch and athletics track. This expenditure will occur in 2015 and 2016.

I am advised by the Department of Education and Training that RBSLEC undertakes an annual business review commencing in October of each year which informs the business plan for the centre for the following year. While forward estimates are unable to be provided prior to the review, the budget for 2015 is as follows:

- Total direct expenses of \$4,063,802. This includes total direct payroll expenses of \$2,177,050; and
- Total indirect expenses of \$1,809,495. This includes total indirect payroll expenses of \$982,529.

Capital Works:

The RBSLEC's Capital Works budget for 2015–16 is \$4,452,590.

Maintenance:

With regard to budget expenditure for Maintenance Allocation — Planned/Unplanned (Routine Breakdown) at RBSLEC, the Department has advised:

- 2015–16 – \$185,251