

Question on Notice

No. 2321

Asked on 1 December 2016

MR SORENSEN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS (HON K JONES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when the Hervey Bay Electorate will have a newly built primary and high school?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education and Training (DET) relies upon population projections and enrolment forecasts provided by the Queensland Government's Statistician's Office to inform future school planning. School infrastructure demand mapping is intended to identify areas in need of future schools over the medium to long term and is conducted in consultation with local government and the Independent and Catholic schooling sectors.

Using this consultative approach, DET's analysis of the Hervey Bay area has determined the current schools in Hervey Bay have sufficient capacity for forecast enrolment growth over the short to medium term. The current schools also have sufficient room for expansion if necessary beyond this timeframe.

The Department will always prioritise new infrastructure to meet growth in school communities.