

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR D PEGG ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise on the progress of the State Netball Centre?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has committed \$34 million in funding to construct a purpose-built eight-court indoor netball centre known as the Queensland State Netball Centre (QSNC). The Australian Government is contributing another \$10 million, taking the total QSNC project budget to \$44 million.

The Department of State Development was engaged by Stadiums Queensland to manage the delivery of the facility.

The Queensland State Netball Centre is on track to become a high-profile destination for netball players, administrators, coaches and spectators for the largest female participant sport in Australia. Located at the Queensland Sports and Athletics Centre (QSAC) at Nathan, the facility will provide a home base and training venue for the Queensland Firebirds.

With capacity for up to 5,000 spectators, the project will provide a much-needed competition venue able to host tournaments and facilitate training to local and international standards. It will function as both an aspirational and inspirational venue for young players.

In July 2016, the Department of State Development invited expressions of interest from 27 pre-qualified construction firms to design and construct the facility. A request to tender was subsequently issued to five shortlisted firms in November 2016.

On 28 February 2017, Brisbane based Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd was appointed to design and construct the project.

Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd is utilising local architects, Thomson Adsett, along with local engineering firms, to design the building and develop construction drawings. Design work is now well advanced.

Site establishment, site clearing and major earthworks is complete. Piling works are nearly complete and the project is on track to ensure the facility is completed in late 2018, in time for the start of the netball season in February 2019.

Brisbane City Council is contributing to the project by agreeing to transfer a parcel of land, located adjacent to the QSAC site, to Stadiums Queensland.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has committed funds for the construction of an elevated carpark and an upgrade of an existing on-grade carpark on the QSAC site. This work will provide approximately 528 car spaces, which will be utilised by Mains Road park 'n' ride commuters, as well as Queensland State Netball Centre and QSAC patrons.

The Queensland State Netball Centre project and the associated Translink elevated carpark project combined will support up to 154 full-time equivalent jobs during design and construction.