

Question on Notice

No. 75

Asked on 15 February 2017

MR G BUTCHER ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many jobs will be created during construction of the Calliope High School?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

The Palaszczuk Government will open a new state secondary school in Calliope in January 2020.

There are approximately 360 students from Calliope and surrounding areas who travel to Gladstone to attend a state secondary school.

The Queensland Government Statistician's Office population projects for the Gladstone Region show the area is growing rapidly and local schools will see increased enrolment pressure in the coming years.

A new secondary school opening for the start of the school year in 2020 will help meet this growth.

We are investing close to \$50 million to construct the new school and this investment will support more than 150 local jobs.