

Question on Notice

No. 1169

Asked on 6 September 2018

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to a new primary or secondary school on Brisbane's west side—

Will the Minister advise, other than work funded under the Building Future Schools program, whether the government (a) has any work underway to plan for a new school, (b) will publish its demographic and other decision-making criteria for funding new schools, (c) will commit to funding a new school to keep up with growth and slow rollout of public infrastructure and (d) will commit to halt the sale of state-owned land until a site for a new school is secured?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education is undertaking an extensive program of work to address increasing enrolment demand in the inner city as a result of population growth. This is being considered holistically across the inner-city schooling network.

Through the Queensland Government's Building Future Schools program, which is investing more than \$800 million to support growing communities, the department is master planning for 35 schools in inner Brisbane, including: Indooroopilly State High School; Indooroopilly State School; Ironside State School; Milton State School; Rainworth State School; Toowong State School; and the Queensland Academy of Science, Mathematics and Technology.

The master plans will assist in planning for the future infrastructure needs of these school communities and serve as a long-term coordinated strategic vision for schools that is aligned with projected growth, school environment and vision.

The master planning process, together with Queensland Government Statistician's Office forecasts, will identify options to address increasing enrolment growth. Data is available at www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/sidmaps-2015/ on the Queensland Government Statistician's Office Website.

Through this process, the department has identified the need for additional capacity in Brisbane's inner west state primary school network and is delivering additional capacity in the inner west through the provision of additional classroom accommodation at Indooroopilly State School and has already planned for future infill capacity at Ironside State School as part of the additional infrastructure delivered at that school in recent years.

The department is committed to investing in innovative education infrastructure solutions to support our growing communities and give all Queensland students access to an outstanding education.

The department will continue to use state-owned land and make strategic land acquisitions to support future state school infrastructure needs.