Question on Notice

No. 1563

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MR B MICKELBERG ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the department's planning to build a primary and secondary school to meet the needs of the rapidly growing master planned community at Palmview—

Will the Minister advise if this is now complete and if not, why not?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring all students have access to high quality educational facilities.

The Department of Education is building new schools where they are needed most so that Queensland's education system continues to keep pace with the State's rapid population growth. In planning for student enrolment growth, the department considers the capacity of the existing school network, the ability to expand existing school sites, and growth in the local school population.

In 2017 the Queensland Government committed to begin planning for a primary school in Palmview, which is now underway. A detailed business case will be completed in the first quarter of 2019.

The department is working closely with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and land owners in the Palmview master planned area to secure the land required for future schools. Land has been identified for a future state primary and secondary school.

The department will continue to regularly review planning for all areas of Queensland, and will closely monitor enrolment growth across the Buderim area.