

**Question on Notice**

**No. 363**

**Asked on 22 March 2018**

**MS J PUGH** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the nine schools in the Mount Ommaney Electorate that will be eligible for Solar Schools and how they will benefit?

ANSWER:

The Advancing Clean Energy Schools (ACES) program is a three-year program designed to reduce state school energy costs through solar and energy efficiency measures.

The ACES program will have a significant impact on reducing energy costs in state schools, which are among the State Government's largest energy consumers.

Once the tender process is finalised, the initial first phase of the program will commence in the latter half of 2018.

Over 800 state schools across Queensland will be involved in the ACES initiative.

Under the ACES program, the installation of solar systems and energy efficiency matters, such as LED lighting and timers on hot water systems, will promote both energy efficiency and savings. Following school site assessments, these measures will be tailored for each location to specifically reduce energy costs.

Participation in the program and further scheduling will be informed by a range of factors including: the current levels of energy use; student enrolment numbers; site conditions; school operational priorities; and the economic assessment of opportunities for energy savings to support the capital investment in solar and other energy efficiency measures.

All state schools within the Mount Ommaney electorate will be involved in the ACES program. These schools are: Centenary State High School; Corinda State High School; Corinda State School; Darra State School; Jamboree Heights State School; Jindalee State School; Middle Park State School; Mount Ommaney Special School; and Oxley State School.

Savings made through the program will be retained by the Department of Education to support full implementation of the program and to address other educational program priorities.