

Question on Notice

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MR D JANETZKI ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline whether the department has any plans for additional capital upgrades to distance education facilities following the infrastructure review last year, including whether an audit has been undertaken of the technology requirements needed, in light of increased enrolments over recent years?

ANSWER:

In 2017, the Department of Education initiated work to examine the future infrastructure needs of Queensland's Schools of Distance Education given growth of enrolments over recent years. This work included the engagement of an external provider to conduct a strategic assessment of the infrastructure requirements of Schools of Distance Education to inform future infrastructure planning.

This process has included consultation between the department, Schools of Distance Education Principals and their communities, and has considered the use of contemporary technologies in the delivery of distance education. This is an area where individual schools continue to invest in enhanced technologies to support curriculum delivery and connection with their students.

As with all schools, future infrastructure planning work is ongoing and the department will use this information to assist in planning for the future needs of the Schools of Distance Education.

Unlike the Newman LNP Government, which sold off the Brisbane School of Distance Education site at South Brisbane for a fire sale price of \$13.2 million, the Palaszczuk Government has no plans to sell any schools of distance education.