

Question on Notice

No. 1157

Asked on 12 October 2021

MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when funding will be allocated to enclose the existing covered sports area at Toowoomba North State School?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to providing appropriate services and facilities to enable the optimal delivery of curriculum and to promote a safe learning environment in all Queensland state schools.

When considering new infrastructure projects for school facilities such as halls and performing arts centres, the Department of Education works with principals to develop a list of priorities through a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP).

The SSIP is the department's primary method for identifying important facility needs for each Queensland state school.

SSIP proposals are submitted for consideration and assessed through a prioritisation process to ensure the highest needs across the State are met. This process is used to develop the department's short, medium and long-term investment outlooks, subject to the department's allocated budget.

Toowoomba North State School has identified either a new hall or refurbishment of the existing multi purpose area, which refers to a covered sports area, as its top SSIP priority.

The department will continue to work with the school regarding funding options for the 2022–23 budget.