

Question on Notice

No. 133

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Toowoomba North State School continuing to expand in numbers and its recreational area being in desperate need to be enclosed so that it provides a viable recreational place for students and teachers during the winter months and wet weather—

Will the Minister advise when the current structure will be reconfigured to meet the urgent needs of the school?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education's Infrastructure Management Framework uses a School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP) as a primary input to the development of an investment program.

The SSIP is developed with the school principal and considers facility assessments, functionality and curriculum direction of the school over a four-year period. 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 funding approved through the State Budget process.

Toowoomba North State School's SSIP currently includes enclosing a recreational area as its fifth priority. This project will be assessed and prioritised for funding along with all other submissions throughout the State.