

Question on Notice

No. 1173

Asked on 27 October 2022

MR J LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

With reference to the \$3.5m commitment for a Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre in the 2021-22 budget—

Will the Minister advise (a) what progress has been made to date and (b) how much money has been spent to date?

ANSWER

On 27 October 2022, the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Olympics announced that a partnership between the Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre (HMEC) Ltd and the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane has resulted in a location for the HMEC in Brisbane's Cathedral Precinct at the Old Archives Building and Penola Place in Charlotte and Edward streets.

This outcome has been welcomed by all stakeholders involved as a significant milestone in Queensland's cultural history. The HMEC is expected to open to the public in early 2023.

Exhibitions, education and training resources about the Holocaust will be complemented by exhibitions focused on Australia's First Nations people and other countries' genocide histories.

While the location has been a welcome development, the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, along with the Queensland HMEC Ltd, the Brisbane City Council and the Commonwealth Government, will continue to seek a permanent viable and sustainable location.

The realisation of the HMEC has been the result of this government's 2020 election commitment to provide \$3.5 million in funding, which will be matched by a Federal Government commitment of \$3.5 million and a Brisbane City Council pledge of \$500,000.

To date, \$1 million of the \$3.5 million Queensland Government commitment has been provided to the managing entity, the Queensland HMEC Ltd.