

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1234**

**Asked on 28 October 2022**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to an enclosed hall/sports facility at the Toowoomba North State School—

Will the Minister advise (a) when will construction be funded, (b) when will construction commence and (c) when will construction be complete?

ANSWER:

When considering new infrastructure projects for school facilities, such as the refurbishment of an existing multi-purpose hall, 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 and prioritising important facility needs for each Queensland state school. Toowoomba North State School currently identifies the refurbishment of the existing multi-purpose hall, as its first priority.

Funding has been allocated in the department's current Infrastructure Investment Portfolio for a planning project at Toowoomba North State School.

As part of the planning process, departmental officers visited the school in August 2022 to discuss options for a refurbishment of the existing multi-purpose hall, including providing a fully enclosed facility and delivery of new amenities and storage spaces.

On 27 October 2022, a facilities brief outlining the Toowoomba North State School's requirements was completed and endorsed by the school. The department is now in the process of engaging consultants, including engineering experts, to advise on the feasibility of enclosing and extending the hall. This advice and subsequent planning is likely to be completed by the end of Term 1, 2023 and will enable a cost estimate to be prepared for the project.

The work to upgrade the multi-purpose hall at Toowoomba North State School has not yet been funded. This proposed work will be considered as part of the state-wide prioritisation and future budget processes.