

Question on Notice

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DR A MACMAHON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Deputy Premier's recent approval of the Brisbane City Council's Kurilpa Temporary Local Planning Instrument, which will bring tens of thousands of new residents to South Brisbane—

Will the Minister advise what plan does the Department of Education have for new schools in this area?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education (DoE) is aware of the significant population growth anticipated in West End and South Brisbane, including further growth facilitated by the Kurilpa Temporary Local Planning Instrument.

In recent years, the Palaszczuk Government has invested \$45.4 million for a major redevelopment and expansion of West End State School to support future growth, as well as \$127 million to deliver the new Brisbane South State Secondary College, which opened in 2021.

DoE will actively monitor enrolment trends and projected student growth across the State and will work with key local stakeholders to ensure the education needs of the West End and South Brisbane community can be met over the short, medium and long term. This will include a future Queensland Schools Planning Reference Committee cross-sectoral demand mapping meeting with Brisbane City Council and other stakeholders in 2024 to review the government and non-government schooling needs for the local area.

DoE will work closely with Brisbane City Council and the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, to explore innovative options to meet the government primary and secondary schooling needs of the growing population in the local area in future.