

Question on Notice

No. 1197

Asked on 15 October 2025

MR M BERKMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Indooroopilly State High School (ISHS) capacity—

Will the Minister advise (a) why was the independent BDO demographic analysis commissioned by the department, which projected a likely 3,175 students by 2029, not adopted as the basis for the AMID Assessment Report for the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID), (b) why is the MID's target enrolment capacity (2500 students) 400 students lower than the figure included in the earlier draft Concept Master Plan (2900 students), which proposed the same number of projects (four) in the same locations, (c) are there other schools in Queensland where the department has pursued an MID with a target enrolment capacity that is smaller than the existing enrolment, (d) how many other State High Schools in Queensland have 23 percent or more of their classrooms designated as temporary classrooms and (e) given the 2025–26 Budget still did not include any funding for construction of new classrooms at ISHS, and this MID only deals with one of the four projects in the Master Plan, when the Minister expects the last of these four projects to be funded and delivered?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

- a) BDO's enrolment forecasts were not used in the AMID assessment as the department considered they did not adequately reflect key factors included in QGSO and departmental forecasts, such as improved compliance with the School Enrolment Management Plan (EMP) and recent enrolment trends in local primary schools.
- b) Over the medium to long-term, the department expects enrolments to stabilise at around 2,400 to 2,500 students. The department will closely monitor enrolments at Indooroopilly State High School and respond with additional infrastructure should these higher growth scenarios eventuate.
- c) This is the first time the department has sought a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation for a future target enrolment that is lower than current enrolments.
- d) As of 17 September 2025, there were four high schools with 23% or higher capacity in buildings identified as temporary. For school sites, temporary buildings provide short-term relief while high out-of-catchment enrolments are reduced, for emergency situations, or as a longer-term solution, where required.
- e) Funding for delivery of stages of the school's master plan will be considered against other priorities for investment across the State as part of future Budget cycles.