

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Education:

Douglas-Daly Demountable

1. I refer to Tender Number T18-1962 awarded to Demountable Sales & Hire for \$456,390.00. When and how was the decision made to replace the current school structure communicated to the Douglas-Daly community?
2. When will works commence? When will they be complete?
3. Where will the new demountable be located?
4. Will the replacement affect teaching at the school?
5. Is the contractor contractually obliged to mitigate risk of school children being on or near a construction site?
6. Where will the school operate during works? What are the interim arrangements?
7. What other disruption will occur in the community?
8. Was the current teacher at the school consulted on the new demountable?
9. Was the current teacher consulted on the impending works? If not will she be?
10. What other improvements will be made to the Douglas-Daly school? Playground? Amenities?

ANSWERS:

1. As part of the Building Better Schools commitment, the Douglas Daly School requested the replacement of the ablution block. During the scoping stage, the option to also replace the classroom demountable was sought. Due to the age and condition of the demountable, this was supported by the department and the school co-contributed funding to complete the additional works.

As per normal program delivery, communication occurs with the school's teaching principal who provides updates to the school council. The teaching principal provided ongoing updates to the school council and the broader community.

2. Works were completed in November 2018.
3. The new facility is located on the school site, west of the playground.
4. Work had minimal impact on school operations.
5. Yes. The contractor is contractually obliged to mitigate risk of unauthorised access.
6. In consultation with the school, the department approved for the school to operate from an alternative facility.
7. The school is located at the Douglas Daly Research Farm. No disruptions have been identified by the community.
8. The teaching principal at the school was consulted on the new demountable.
9. Yes. Staff and students were consulted on the works by the teaching principal.
10. No other improvements will be made to the Douglas Daly School at this time. The school will need to apply for funding in future years for new identified works as part of the infrastructure program.