

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Education:

Zuccoli Government School

1. Please advise when construction will commence on the Zuccoli Government Primary School. When is the expected completion date?

The Northern Government committed funding of \$9 million in 2017-18 for Stage 1 for the government school in Zuccoli. All stages are expected to be completed by 2022.

2. When will construction of the oval for the Zuccoli Government Primary School commence?

It is anticipated construction for Stage 1 will commence in 2018-19.

3. Please list the enrolment capacities and latest (Term 1, 2018) enrolment details of the following schools: Bakewell Primary School, Driver Primary School, Durack Primary School, Gray Primary School, Moulden Primary School, Rosebery Primary School and Woodroffe Primary School.

School name	Total enrolments ¹	2018 Enrolment capacity ²	Utilisation (%)
Bakewell Primary School	889	899	99
Driver Primary School	544	595	91
Durack Primary School	493	585	84
Gray Primary School	367	570	64
Moulden Primary School	310	599	52
Rosebery Primary School	593	646	92
Woodroffe Primary School	450	580	78

¹ Data is enrolment average of Weeks 1–4, Term 1, 2018 and figures include preschool enrolments. Data is current at the time of provision and subject to change.

² Figures as agreed with principals and including preschool capacities.

4. With Woodroffe Primary School at 100% capacity, Rosebery Primary School at 95% capacity, Driver Primary School at 87% capacity, Gray Primary School at 85% capacity, and Durack Primary School at 85% capacity as at Term 3 2017, how will parents in Palmerston be ensured a choice to send their children to a school within their own community? How has Government planned for the rapid expansion of Palmerston East and its effect on neighboring suburbs' capacities?

All government schools, excluding distance education centres, must actively manage student enrolments consistent with the Enrolment Management and Priority Enrolment guidelines to ensure sufficient operational capacity is reserved for students living in the school's priority enrolment area. Enrolment demand growth can be managed by the provision of high quality transportables that can be moved between schools to augment existing facilities and manage enrolment fluctuations.

The department's Enrolment Management and Priority Enrolment guidelines can be found on the Department of Education website: https://education.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/282066/enrolment-management-and-priority-enrolment-guidelines.pdf.

The department has partnered with Charles Darwin University to conduct a demographics study to better inform student population and school enrolment forecasting methods. This work will be of particular value to schools which are experiencing enrolment growth and continue to assist with future planning.