

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Education

Zuccoli Government School

1. Have you consulted with Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School (as distinct from Catholic Education NT) on the new plans for shared services between it and Zuccoli Government School? Please list meeting dates.
2. Who has been awarded the Tender to build Zuccoli Government School?
3. When will headworks commence in 2018?
4. When will construction commence in 2018-19?
5. When will the oval be built and at what cost?
6. Will the oval still be shared between both schools?
7. Will the oval have lights at night for evening sports and to discourage anti-social behavior?
8. Will transportables be used in any of:
 - a. Bakewell Primary School
 - b. Driver Primary School
 - c. Durack Primary School
 - d. Gray Primary School
 - e. Moulden Primary School
 - f. Woodroffe Primary School

In 2019?

9. Will the Department of Education be engaging Charles Darwin University to conduct further demographic research on school demand in Palmerston?

ANSWERS:

1. The Department of Education consulted with the Catholic Education Office, as the governing body for Catholic schools in the Northern Territory, through a master planning workshop and numerous project development group meetings in the early development of the school precinct at Zuccoli and the shared services.

The shared services were also discussed at a meeting on 4 July 2018 between the Chief Executive of the Department of Education; the Deputy Chief Executive, Education NT of the Department of Education; the Chief Executive of Catholic Education NT; and the Deputy Director, School Services at Catholic Education NT.

2. The tender was awarded to longstanding Territory construction company, Halikos Pty Ltd on Monday 5 November 2018.
3. Headworks have commenced and are being undertaken by the subdivision developer.
4. The builder will be given possession of the site and commence site establishment works in November 2018.
5. The oval construction is planned to commence in 2020. The estimated cost for this component of the project is \$2.1 million - \$2.5 million
6. The oval will be available for use by Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School and the new government primary school in Zuccoli.
7. As a general requirement, the school grounds will have exterior lighting. Details on the requirements (if any) of oval lighting will be confirmed during the detailed design phase of stage 2 of the project.
8. New transportable classrooms were installed at Bakewell, Driver and Durack primary schools in 2018. Gray, Moulden and Woodroffe primary schools have existing transportable classrooms which will remain in use in 2019.
9. *The Population and Government School Enrolment Projections for Greater Darwin* report provided projections for government school student population by Priority Enrolment Area and year level in the Greater Darwin region, including the anticipated increase in student numbers in newly developing areas of Palmerston.

The Department of Education will continue to monitor and assess demographic projections and will engage expertise such as Charles Darwin University to assist with this work as required.