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**Queensland
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**Minister for Education and
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Dear Mr ~~Laurie~~ *Neil,*

I refer to Petition 1699-11 tabled in the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 2 August 2011, in relation to a multi-purpose hall for the new Bayview State School.

Bayview State School is one of seven new schools delivered under the South East Queensland Public Private Partnership (PPP) program. This program has targeted high growth areas of the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, the Western Corridor and Redlands, and has allowed the Government to open these schools sooner than what would have been possible through traditional funding sources. Each of these new schools will be delivered in stages, according to their enrolment growth and the consequent demand for facilities. Stage 2 of Bayview State School is presently under construction.

Planning documents for the new PPP schools were prepared in 2008 as inputs to the tender process. This documentation was compliant to the standards for new schools' facilities at the time and has included a total of 660m² of unenclosed but functional covered area, including a large structure of 280m². An area has also been identified on the master plan for a future hall.

The Commonwealth Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) program used school enrolment data as at February 2009 as the determinant of funding and project scoping. As the first PPP schools were not opened until January 2010, new PPP schools such as Bayview State School were ineligible for BER funding.

The Department of Education and Training acknowledges the quality hall facilities provided to schools under the BER program, and is currently reviewing funding options for the provision of halls to new primary schools that have opened since 2010, and for future new schools.

Subject to the availability of additional funds and state-wide priorities, opportunities for the provision of a hall to Bayview State School, as a subsequent stage, will be considered for a future capital works program.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to respond to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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