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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 2632-16 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 1 November 2016, regarding funding for a new disability accessible administration building at Pimpama State School.

I am pleased to advise that financial approval was given, funding made available and a contract has been awarded to complete the new administration building project at Pimpama State School, as originally planned.

The new administration facilities will be completed to the latest design standards and will provide access for all staff, students and visitors.

With regards to concerns about delays with financial approvals, I am advised that like all projects delivered by the Department of Education and Training, this project followed a procurement process that aligned to the Queensland Government's purchasing policy. As tenders received were higher than the funding allocated, the Department was required to seek the appropriate financial approval to proceed with the project, before a contract could be awarded.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Dave Baxter, Executive Director, Infrastructure Planning and Delivery, Infrastructure Services Branch, by email at dave.baxter@det.qld.gov.au or on telephone 3034 4836.

I trust this information will be well received by your petitioners and the Pimpama State School community.

In accordance with Standing Order 32 it would be appreciated if you could table this response on the next sitting day.

Yours sincerely

KATE JONES MP
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