1. In October 2007 the Parliamentary Public Works Committee announced an inquiry into the prep school year capital works program.
2. The Committee tabled its report on 2 December 2008 (Report 100). The report found that the Prep School Year Capital Works Program was suitable, necessary and advisable; that it provided reasonable value for money; that the work will have a positive impact on the community and the economy; and that the procurement method was suitable.
3. The recommendations of the report were:

1. That DET install covered links from classrooms to toilets in all future Prep school facilities.

2. That DET develop Best Practice Guidelines to Prep facilities that include:

(a) a minimum of 3.4 square metres per child per classroom group of 25 students (excluding non teaching space – the kitchen and teacher’s room);

(b) the location of the toilets within the teacher’s line of sight and as close as possible to Prep classrooms (and, where this is not possible, provide new toilet facilities);

(c) a balance between indoor and outdoor learning areas for Prep students; and

(d) siting of classrooms to maintain adequate playground space and proximity to existing outdoor areas.

3. That for future projects DET seek input from all interested parties, including teachers and parents, in the consultation process.

4. That for future projects DET conduct a post occupancy evaluation of all schools and ensure all interested parties are consulted, including teachers and parents.

5. That for future projects DET ensure a local industry participation plan is Prepared.

1. The Whole of Government response supports the recommendations with the exception of 2a.
2. Cabinet endorsed the whole of Government response to the Parliamentary Public Works Committee Inquiry into the Prep School Year Capital Works Program.

Cabinet noted that the response will be tabled in Parliament by the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology and the Minister for Education and Training.

1. *Attachments*

* [Report of Inquiry](Attachments/Prep%20Year%20Capital%20Works%20Report.pdf)
* [Government response](Attachments/Gov%20Response%20Prep%20Year%20Capital%20Works.docx)