

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

1. The original plan by the Howard Government was to build a 40 bed school student hostel at Weipa. The previous government changed this and announced that it would build a 120 bed hostel at Weipa. I understand that currently there are around 53 students enrolled at the Weipa Hostel. Is this correct?
2. Was a feasibility study done?
3. Was the feasibility study done after the announcement by the former Minister?
4. How many of the 53 students come from the nearby hostel that predated the current facility?

Answer:

1. The operator of the facility, the Queensland Government Department of Education and Training, advises that, as at 14 March 2014, there were 50 students enrolled at the campus.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. The Queensland Government advised that, as at 14 March 2014, there were eight students from the nearby hostel that predated the current facility.