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Ms Rebecca White MP
Labor Member for Lyons
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Dear Ms White,

Thank you for your Constituent Question on Wednesday, 12 June 2024, asked as follows:

I recently had the pleasure to visit Tasman School where I was provided with an excellent tour by students who made it their priority to show me their netball and basketball courts. They told me that no progress has been made on upgrades that you committed to years ago, and the netball court is now no longer able to be used due to the poor condition of the asphalt. This means their teams cannot practice at school and they are competing against other school teams without the ability to train. Can you explain why there has been such a long delay and when the upgrades to the courts will occur?

I would like to provide the following response:

Tasman District School has an approved Outdoor Learning Program project to resurface the outdoor netball courts. Delays in progressing the project have occurred due to existing storm water drainage issues on the site that are impacting on the courts.

The site has a history of natural springs that have impacted the outdoor areas and these issues need to be rectified before resurfacing works can commence. Expert advice is being sought to guide whether any additional drainage or structural works need to be undertaken.

We expect this advice in the near future and current programming indicates works are to be completed prior to the end of the year, noting that dry and warmer weather is required for the resurfacing works.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Palmer'.

Hon Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Education