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Building the Education Revolution at New Lambton Public School

Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, together with Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson, today visited New Lambton South Public School to speak to students and staff about the effect the Building the Education Revolution is having on the ground at their school.

The \$16.2 billion Building the Education Revolution is delivering building projects to all of Australia's 10,000 schools while supporting jobs as our economy begins to pick up from the global recession.

We know that if we had not acted decisively to implement our economic stimulus, another 200,000 Australians would be out of work.

At New Lambton South, the BER has meant a new multipurpose hall and covered outdoor learning area, together worth \$2.5 million.

Ms Gillard and Ms Grierson toured the school led by the principal and school captains. They toured the building site of the new hall which is almost complete, where they met a young apprentice and a community relations officer who are both in work because of this BER project.

These projects are in addition to the \$125,000 New Lambton South is receiving for minor refurbishments.

"The BER is providing over \$97 million for 149 separate projects in 65 schools in the Newcastle electorate," Ms Grierson said.

"If it was up to Tony Abbott and the Liberal Party, none of these 65 schools would be receiving infrastructure funding because they voted against the economic stimulus package in the Parliament.

"Now Mr Abbott and his Shadow Treasurer, Mr Hockey are on the record as saying they want to cut the BER.

"If the Liberal Party is so keen to cut this stimulus program, they need to reveal exactly which school projects in the Newcastle electorate they are planning on cutting."

More information on the Building the Education Revolution is available at www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au

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