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Answer:

Attachment A refers to BER works at each school across the NT.

At the national level, the square metre 'rate' per building for government schools and non-government schools is currently being analysed by cost experts working for the Building the Education Revolution Implementation Taskforce. An explanation of the process to finalise this body of work follows.

In his Interim Report of August 2010, Taskforce Chairman, Mr Brad Orgill, makes a number of observations around the difficulty of comparing costs for different building types across all education authorities, government compared to non government and across the country, without taking into consideration the range of variables from project to project. In order to undertake such a comparison which can be used to compare Value for Money (VFM), the Taskforce is developing a cost analysis model, that breaks building, project and program costs into a number of discrete layers (i.e. program delivery, base costs) and will include a layer of adjustment accounts for the variance in the cost of building in the different regions of Australia.

Mr Orgill also notes the complexity of unpacking and defining VFM. His analysis has shown that the criteria which jurisdictions consider when determining VFM varies. In the absence of an established, consistent definition, the Taskforce has considered how industry practitioners, principals and the wider public perceive VFM. The Taskforce has concluded there are three criteria in assessing whether a service or product represents VFM. These are: Quality, Time and Cost.

Mr Orgill highlights that there can be clear trade-offs between the three. For example, a higher quality outcome may involve a longer delivery timeframe or higher cost, while implementing a project in a shorter time period may involve either lower quality or a higher cost, or both.

A cost model therefore needs to include the base building cost of the project, program delivery costs, the external works and services, whether a template response was used versus individually designed projects, specifications and standards (including finishes), regional costs, site specific costs (for example latent conditions, geotechnical issues) and also whether the project was a new build or a refurbishment of an existing building.

The taskforce maintains that it is essential to develop this tool which is able to compare the actual costs for building types across all education authorities.

The taskforce model, due for completion in November 2010, should form the basis for providing comparative costs between projects and education authorities.

Robinson River and Laynhapuy Homelands

The work for a multipurpose facility for Robinson River School incorporating classroom space, small library area and staff area has commenced and is progressing well with the contractor being Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation. The project for training facilities and visiting officer accommodation at Gangan, Dhalinbuy, Borowuy and Garrthalala to be undertaken by Laynhapuy Homelands Association Incorporated is ready to proceed, pending land use approval from the Northern Land Council.

These projects were procured by select tender in accordance with the provisions contained in the Northern Territory's 'procurement framework'. The respective Indigenous associations were invited to submit a select tender, thereby supporting local Indigenous employment and local economic development.

Acacia Hill (Special)	Acacia Hill Special School - Classrooms
Adelaide River	Adelaide River School - Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)
Alawa Primary	Alawa Primary - Library
Alcoota	Alcoota School - Resource Centre
Alekarenge	Alekarenge School - Multipurpose Pavilion
Alice Springs School of the Air	Alice Springs School of the Air - Library Extension
Alpurrurulam	Alpurrurulam School - Resource Centre
Alyangula Area School	Alyangula School - Library
Amanbidji	Amanbidji Resource Centre
Amoonguna School	Amoonguna School - COLA
Ampilatwatja	Ampilatwatja School - Resource Centre
Angurugu Community Education Centre	Angurugu School - Multipurpose Hall
Anula Primary	Anula Primary - Multipurpose Hall
Araluen Christian College	Araluen CS Hub/Spoke Library
Areyonga	Areyonga School - COLA
Bakewell Primary	Bakewell Primary - Classrooms
Bakewell Primary	Bakewell Primary - Multipurpose Hall
Barunga School	Barunga School- Resource Centre
Batchelor Area School	Batchelor Area School - Learning Resource Centre refurbishment & extension
Bees Creek Primary	Bees Creek Primary - Classroom Block
Bees Creek Primary	Bees Creek Primary - Library Extension
Belyuen	Belyuen School - COLA
Berry Springs Primary	Berry Springs Primary - Multipurpose Pavilion
Birany Birany	Birany Birany School - Multipurpose Area
Bonya	Bonya School - COLA
Borrooloola School	Borrooloola School - Multipurpose Facility
Bradshaw Primary	Bradshaw Primary - Multipurpose Learning Area
Braitling Primary	Braitling Primary - Multipurpose Learning Area
Bulla Camp School	Bulla Camp School - Resource Centre
Bulman School (Gulin Gulin)	Bulman School (Gulin Gulin) - Classroom
Canteen Creek	Canteen Creek School - COLA
Casuarina Street Primary	Casuarina Street Primary - Classroom Block
Clyde Fenton Primary	Clyde Fenton Primary - Multipurpose Learning Area
Docker River	Docker River School - COLA
Douglas Daly	Douglas Daly School - Lifeskills Facility
Driver Primary	Driver Primary - Library Extension/Lifeskills annexe. Works in progress.
Driver Primary	Driver Primary - Pavilion Extension
Dundee Beach	Dundee Beach Primary - Resource Centre
Durack Primary	Durack Primary - Classroom Block
Durack Primary	Durack Primary - Library Extension
Elliott	Elliott School - Multipurpose Pavilion
Epenarra	Epenarra School - COLA
Finke	Finke School - COLA
Gapuwiyak School	Gapuwiyak School - Multi Purpose Pavilion
Gawa Christian School	Gawa CS Hub/Spoke Library Extension
Gillen Primary	Gillen Primary - Multipurpose Learning Area
Girraween Primary	Girraween Primary - Classrooms
Good Shepherd Lutheran College	Good Shepherd Library
Good Shepherd Lutheran College	Good Shepherd Multipurpose Hall
Gray Primary	Gray Primary - Library

Gunbalanya	Gunbalanya School - Multipurpose Pavilion
Haasts Bluff	Haasts Bluff School - COLA
Harts Range	Harts Range School - COLA
Henbury (Special)	Henbury School - Extensions & Refurbishment
Holy Family Primary School	Holy Family Library& attached COLA
Holy Spirit Primary School	Holy Spirit Library
Howard Springs Primary	Howard Springs Primary - Classroom Block
Humpty Doo Primary	Humpty Doo Primary - Multipurpose Hall
Imanpa	Imanpa School - COLA
Jabiru Area School	Jabiru Area School - Multipurpose Hall
Jilkminggan School	Jilkminggan School - Classrooms
Jingili Primary	Jingili Primary - Library Extension & Refurbishment
Kalkaringi School - Classroom Block	Kalkaringi School - Classroom Block
Kalkaringi School - Resource Centre	Kalkaringi School - Resource Centre
Karama Primary	Karama Primary - Multipurpose Learning Area
Katherine School of the Air	Katherine School of the Air - Classroom and covered deck
Katherine South Primary School	Katherine South Primary - New preschool
Kiana	Kiana School - Resource Centre
Kintore Street Special	Kintore Street Special School - Toilet Block
Lajamanu	Lajamanu School - Multipurpose Pavilion
Laramba (Napperby)	Laramba School - Covered Outdoor Learning Area
Larapinta Primary	Larapinta Primary - Classroom Block
Larrakeyah Primary	Larrakeyah Primary - Assembly Hall Extension
Larrakeyah Primary	Larrakeyah Primary - Classroom Block
Leanyer Primary	Leanyer Primary - Assembly Hall Upgrade
Lilla (Ukaka)	Lilla School - Teacher Accommodation
Litchfield Christian School	Litchfield CS Hub/Spoke Library
Living Waters Lutheran Primary School	Living Water Library /ICT Resource Hub
Ltyentye Apurte Community Education Centre	Ltyentye Apurte Library Extension
Ludmilla Primary	Ludmilla Primary - Library Extension
MacFarlane Primary	MacFarlane Primary - Multipurpose Hall
Malak Primary	Malak Primary - Upgrade Admin Facility
Mamaruni	Mamaruni School - COLA
Maningrida School	Maningrida School - Resource Centre
Manunda Terrace Primary	Manunda Terrace Primary - Library
Manyallaluk	Manyallaluk School - Resource Centre
Marrara Christian School	Marrara 21st Century NTCS Hub Library
Mataranka	Mataranka School - Resource Centre
Mbungghara	Mbungghara School - COLA
Middle Point	Middle Point School - COLA
Millikapiti	Millikapiti School - Resource Centre
Milingimbi School	Milingimbi School - Classrooms
Milkwood Steiner School	Milkwood Library
Millner Primary	Millner Primary - Solar Outdoor Learning Facility (SOLF)
Milyakburra	Milyakburra School - Classrooms and covered links
Minyerri	Minyerri School - COLA
Moil Primary	Moil Primary - Multipurpose Learning Area
Moulden Park Primary	Moulden Park Primary - Assembly Hall Upgrade
Moulden Park Primary	Moulden Park Primary - Library Extension
Mt Allan (Yuelamu)	Mt Allan School - Resource Centre
Murray Downs (Imangara)	Murray Downs School - COLA
Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School	Murrupurtiyanuwu Library Upgrade
Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School	Murrupurtiyanuwu Multipurpose Hall
Mutitjulu	Mutitjulu School - COLA
Nakara Primary	Nakara Primary - Multipurpose Hall
Nemarluk (Special)	Nemarluk Special School - Classroom
Neutral Junction (Tara)	Neutral Junction School - COLA
Newcastle Waters	Newcastle Waters School - COLA
Nganmariyanga	Nganmariyanga School - Multipurpose Facility
Ngukurr	Ngukurr School - Classroom Block
Nhulunbuy Christian School	Nhulunbuy CS Hub/Spoke Library

Nhulunbuy Primary	Nhulunbuy Primary - Multipurpose Hall Upgrade - Not Commenced
Nightcliff Primary	Nightcliff Primary - Early Learning Centre
Ntaria (Hermannsberg)	Ntaria School - Classroom Block
Numbulwar	Numbulwar School - Multipurpose Pavilion
Nyangatjatjara College	Nyangatjatjara College Library
Nyirripi	Nyirripi School - Resource Centre
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Multipurpose Hall
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Thamarrurr Catholic School	OLSH Thamarrurr Library Resource Centre
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Thamarrurr Catholic School	OLSH Thamarrurr Multipurpose Area
Palmerston Christian School	Palmerston CS Hub/Spoke Library
Papunya	Papunya - Resource Centre
Parap Primary	Parap Primary - Multipurpose Community Hall
Peppimenarti	Peppimenarti - COLA
Peppimenarti (Emu Point)	Peppimenarti (Emu Point) - Classroom and veranda
Pigeon Hole	Pigeon Hole School - Resource Centre
Pine Creek	Pine Creek School - Resource Centre
Pularumpi	Pularumpi School - Classroom
Ramingining School	Ramingining School - New Classroom Block
Robinson River	Robinson River School - Classrooms and staff areas
Rockhampton Downs	Rockhampton Downs School (Wogayela) - COLA
Ross Park Primary	Ross Park Primary - Classrooms and refurbishment
Sacred Heart School	Sacred Heart Library Extension
Sacred Heart School	Sacred Heart Upgrade of Classrooms
Sadadeen Primary	Sadadeen Primary - Multipurpose Learning Area
Shepherdson	Shepherdson College - Multipurpose Hall
St Andrew Lutheran School	St Andrew's Lutheran School Contemporary Library
St Andrew Lutheran School	St Andrew's Lutheran School Early Learning Centre
St Francis of Assisi School	St Francis Assisi Classrooms & Toilets
St Francis of Assisi School	Francis Assisi Library/Multipurpose Hall
St Francis Xavier School	St Francis Xavier - Wudikapikdyerr site
St Francis Xavier School	St Francis Xavier Library/Kid's Kitchen
St Joseph's College	St Joseph's Library /Resource Centre
St Mary's Primary School	St Mary's Library
St Mary's Primary School	St Mary's Multipurpose Hall
St Paul's Primary School	St Paul's roof for outdoor learning area
St Paul's Primary School	St Paul's 21st Century Library
Stirling (Wilora)	Stirling School - COLA
Stuart Park Primary	Stuart Park Primary - Multipurpose Community Hall
Tennant Creek Primary	Tennant Creek Primary - Multi Purpose Hall
The Alice Springs Steiner School	Alice Springs Steiner Library/Classrm/COLA
The Essington School Darwin	Essington School 21st Century Library
The Essington School Darwin	Essington School Multipurpose Hall
Ti Tree	Ti Tree School - Multipurpose Pavilion
Timber Creek	Timber Creek School - classroom
Titjikala	Titjikala School - COLA
Tiwi College	Tiwi Library
Umbakumba	Umbakumba School - Classroom
Urapunga	Urapunga School - Resource Centre
Utopia (Arparra)	Utopia School - COLA
Wagaman Primary	Wagaman Primary - Library
Wallace Rockhole	Wallace Rockhole School - COLA
Walungurru (Kintore)	Walungurru School - COLA
Wanguri Primary	Wanguri Primary - Multipurpose Learning Area
Warruwi	Warruwi School - Resource Centre
Watiyawanu (Mt Leibig)	Watiyawanu School - COLA
Willowra	Willowra School - Ablutions Block
Woodroffe Primary	Woodroffe Primary - Classroom Block
Woodroffe Primary	Woodroffe Primary - Hall Extension
Woolaning	Woolaning School - COLA
Woolaning Homeland Christian College	Woolaning Regional Spoke Library
Woolianna	Woolianna School - Resource Centre - design in progress
Wugularr	Wugularr School - COLA extensions and modifications
Wugularr	Wugularr School - Greywater Irrigation System
Wulagi Primary	Wulagi Primary - Early Learning Centre

Xavier Community Education Centre	Xavier Comm Ed Centre Library
Yarralin	Yarralin School - Resource Centre
Yilpara School	Yilpara School - Early Learning Centre
Yipirinya School	Yipirinya Library Extension
Yipirinya School	Yipirinya Multipurpose Hall Stage 2
Yirara College	Yirara Administration Extension
Yirara College	Yirara Library
Laynhapuy (Yirrkala) HLC	Laynhapuy (Yirrkala) Homeland Learning Centre - Multi Purpose Education Centres x 4 Dhalinybuy, Boruwuy, Garrthalala & Gan Gan
Yirrkala School	Yirrkala School - Early Learning Centre
Yuendumu	Yuendumu School - Classrooms Refurbishment
Yulara	Yulara School - Classroom