

Estimates Committee 2011

Questions Taken On Notice

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Date: 16/06/2011 Output:
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Subject: Policies for Homeland Learning Centres

From: Mr Gerry Wood to Dr Chris Burns
Department of Education and Training

Question: **4-6**
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Answer:
Answered On: 05/08/2011

Minister: MINISTER BURNS
Portfolio: MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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ANSWER:

The Education Provision Policy and Guidelines govern arrangements for education provision for all contexts in the Northern Territory and is available to the public on the Department of Education and Training website at the following address:

<http://www.det.nt.gov.au/about-us/policies/documents/schools/education-provision>

The guidelines contain information about the mechanisms used to establish the best model of education provision at any given site, based on a range of factors.