

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Education:

Zuccoli school update

1. Has Catholic Education NT and Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School been consulted on the Government's change of plans in relation to the development of Stage 1 Zuccoli Government Primary School? If not, when will consultation take place?
2. Has the Government decided whether it will commence all stages of Zuccoli Government Primary School at one time? If so, when will construction commence?
3. At the very least is the Government still committed to commencing Stage 1 in Q1 2019 and if so what comprises Stage 1?
4. When can parents start enrolling their children and when will the school be open?

ANSWER:

1. The Department of Education has consulted with Catholic Education NT on the change of plans for the staging of the new government primary school in Zuccoli. The most recent meeting was on 4 July 2018 between the Chief Executive of the Department of Education; the Deputy Chief Executive, Education NT at the Department of Education; the Chief Executive of Catholic Education NT; and the Deputy Director, School Services at Catholic Education NT.

2. Construction of Stage 1 of the new government primary school will commence in 2019 with headworks expected to be completed by the developer by the end of 2018.

Stage 2 of the new government school will be subject to funding approval.

3. Government is committing \$17.985 million towards Stage 1 of the new primary school.

Stage 1 will include the construction of a preschool with capacity for up to 88 students, eight primary school classrooms with capacity for up to 216 students, an undercover play and assembly area, car parking sufficient for Stage 1, and site services to support the completed school.

4. The first intake of students is expected in Term 1, 2020.