

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Subject: Infrastructure upgrades to Mungkarta and Newcastle Waters schools

QUESTION

The Mungkarta school and Newcastle Waters School are badly in need of major upgrades. How much money is being allocated this year to upgrade both schools? What will the infrastructure upgrades consist of?

ANSWER:

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics manages the Whole-of-Government Repairs and Maintenance (R&M) Program for NT Government assets, which includes individual agency R&M allocations set by the Department of Treasury and Finance. R&M is a combination of cyclical maintenance, urgent minor repairs and specific maintenance. Urgent minor repairs and specific maintenance responses are triggered when reports are received from either period contractors, or Department of Education staff (including school staff).

Newcastle Water School

In 2023-24 to date:

- \$18,912 has been spent on cyclical maintenance and urgent minor repairs.
- \$88,000 has been allocated for septic repairs (specific maintenance) – work completed in June 2024.

Other recent works at the school have also included:

- \$258,900 for playground upgrades completed in January 2023 under the Building Better Schools Program.
- \$557,758 to install a new replacement transportable modular classroom (and demolition of old) as part of the COVID-19 Transportable Classroom Stimulus Program in 2022.

Mungkarta Homeland Learning Centre

In 2023-24 to date:

- \$9,881 has been spent on repairs to the septic system.

Additionally \$500,000 is allocated in 2024-25 for upgrades at the Mungkarta Homeland Learning Centre funded from the Department of Education's Major Works project Homeland Learning Centre Upgrades. Work is underway to scope the planned upgrades.