

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Hersey to the Minister for Education:

Rapid Antigen Tests for Non-Government Schools

- 1. How many rapid antigen tests were provided to non-government schools in the 2021/22 financial year? Please break it down by school.**

38,401 RATs were provided to non-government schools.

School	No. RATs provided
Araluen Christian College YMCA OSHC	150
Living Waters Lutheran School	960
Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School	325
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College	1000
St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre	200
St Philip's College	3990
The Alice Springs Steiner School	1010
Yipirinya School	200
Darwin and Northern region Catholic Schools	10,880
Darwin and Northern region Independent Schools	19,686
TOTAL	38,401

- 2. What was the total cost associated with providing rapid antigen tests to non-government schools in the 2021/22 financial year?**

The Department of Education (the department) purchased RATs and provided 38,401 RATs to non-government schools at a cost of \$8.25 each, totaling \$316,808.

- 3. Were all the rapid antigen tests purchased by non-government schools, and non-government school representative bodies, reimbursed by the Northern Territory Government? If not, why not?**

38,401 RATs were provided by the department to non-government schools.

The department committed to reimbursing \$157,288.09, which covered 50% of the cost for 41,101 RATs ordered by non-government schools.

The department proposed reimbursement to non-government schools for 50% of the cost for RATs purchased on or after the Chief Minister's announcement (21 January 2022) and on or before the department started to supply them directly to schools (31 January 2022).

The total cost to be reimbursed was \$157,288.09. Non-government schools have provided the relevant invoice/documentation to confirm the RATs have been ordered and delivered and it is currently being processed for payment.

The rationale for the 50% reimbursement was that non-government schools were eligible for the Australian Government reimbursing 50% of RATs for schools.

4. What was the total cost associated with reimbursing rapid antigen tests purchased by non-government schools and non-government school representative bodies?

The department has reimbursed non-government schools \$157,288.09 for RATs.