



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 6

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Education and Training, Hon Jo Hersey MLA:

Changes to school funding

1. Please advise if the targeted funding for bilingual schools will cease in 2025?
2. From 2025, how will the current schools that are listed as Bilingual schools pay for the extra positions and support required to run a bilingual program?
3. Please provide the 2024 (or the most recent year that the data is available) funding amount that each bilingual school was allocated through the bilingual targeted funding program?
4. Please advise how many targeted funding programs currently exist, and could you advise which of these programs will continue to receive targeted funding in 2025 and beyond?
5. What is the budget of each targeted programs in 2024 (or the most recent year that the data is available)?
6. Please advise if school vehicles will no longer be centrally funded, and in 2025 must be funded from the school's budget?
7. Please advise in 2024 (or the most recent year that the data is available), what was spent by the Department of Education on:
 - (a) vehicles in remote indigenous schools?
 - (b) vehicles for each school in the Mulka electorate?
8. Please advise if the 12% (starting with 8% next year) pay rise for teachers will be paid for by each school from the school budget? In 2025, for a school with a current expenditure of \$2 million on teaching staff, will the school need to find approximately \$160 000 extra for the pay rise?
9. Please advise if students on the 'passive enrolment/intensive support' list are funded in 2025? For example, in some communities

there may be 80 – 100 students who may not have attended for more than 20 days, and in this case these students would be placed on the 'passive enrolment/intensive' list. Are these students funded in 2025?

10. How many students in the Mulka Electorate schools are currently on the "passive enrolment/intensive support" list? When are students placed on this list?
11. Please advise how many Engagement Officers are employed in the NT? In 2024 were these positions centrally funded? And, in 2025 will they be centrally funded positions? Could you advise on the cost of these positions?
12. Please advise how many Wellbeing Officers are employed in the NT? In 2024 were these positions centrally funded? And, in 2025 will they be centrally funded positions? Could you advise on the cost of these positions?
13. From 2025, could you advise whether schools will have to pay for the services of curriculum specialists and specialist support staff for special needs students or otherwise, who are centrally or regionally located? And what will this cost for remote schools? Could you advise the cost of each of these positions?
14. Please advise what each of the schools in the Mulka Electorate received in targeted funding for homeland schools in 2024 (or most recent year that the data is available for)? Will this targeted funding continue in 2025?
15. What specific funding will homeland schools receive in 2025? And where does this funding come from?
16. Could you provide a list of all expenditure that was centrally funded in 2024 that schools will be required to absorb in 2025?