

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Education:

COVID-19 Budget Response

1. Prior to the COVID-19 health crisis how many of the recommendations in the 'A plan for budget repair: Final report' (the Langoulant Report) had been implemented by the Department of Education?
 - a. For all those implemented, what have been the total cost savings to the Department?
 - b. How many have continued implementation in full through the COVID-19 health crisis? Please list them.
 - c. How many have had the implementation altered in response to the COVID-19 health crisis? Please list them.
2. How many children have been supported to learn at home throughout the COVID-19 health crisis? Please list by school.
3. What resources are being provided by the Department and by individual schools to support at home learning, and what is the cost of these?
4. How many school staff from remote communities were eligible to receive the Remote Community Schools Package?
 - a. How many of these received it and what was the total cost of this package?
 - b. How many of these remained in their school's community?
5. How many school staff from remote communities were not eligible to receive the Remote Community Schools Package?
 - a. How many of these remained in their school's community?
6. Please provide the number of school-based staff who have taken leave in response to the COVID-19 health crisis, the type of leave taken, and the associated costs of paid leave, replacement staff, or other costs.

7. How many schools have had works commenced or completed under the Building Better Schools grants to date? Please list the schools.
 - a. Have approvals or works been delayed beyond anticipated commencement/completion times at any schools? Please list them?
 - b. Please list the schools that have not yet commenced or completed works, and their anticipated commencement/completion dates.
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RESPONSE

1. The Department of Education is not the lead agency in implementing any of the recommendations of the 'A plan for budget repair: Final report' (the Langoulant Report). No recommendations were specific only to the Department of Education.
 - a. Not applicable
 - b. Not applicable
 - c. Not applicable
2. All children staying at home have access to resources on the *Learning Together* website. Students who are vulnerable or medically directed to remain home from school are being supported by schools to learn from home. There were approximately 1100 students in this cohort in Week 1, Term 2, 2020 (week beginning 20 April 2020). Less than 300 of these students continue to be supported to learn from home in Week 7, Term 2, 2020 (week beginning 1 June 2020). Schools remain connected with learners still at home to ensure continuity in engagement and support a smooth transition back to physically attending school as COVID-19 restrictions ease over time.

This information is not suitable to be reported at a school-level. Some schools have very small numbers of children identified. In addition, the number of children supported by each school varies daily depending on individual circumstances of students e.g. a senior years student may attend face-to-face learning for science lessons, but work from home for other subjects.
3. The Department of Education created and produced learning packs for every student in the NT, including those in non-government schools. Packs were distributed at the beginning of Term 2, 2020 and included printed learning activities and a resource pack of pens, paper and coloured pencils. The cost of these resources to the department was \$400 000.

4. Nine hundred and eighty-three staff were eligible to receive the Remote Community School Package as at 2 June 2020.
 - a. 983 staff received the \$500 plus superannuation remote retention payment component of the package. The total cost of this component as at 2 June 2020 was \$535 010.
 - b. Given staying in community was an eligibility requirement, 983 staff remained in their school's community for period 9-20 April 2020 inclusive.
5. Fourteen staff were ineligible to receive the Remote Community School Package, as they did not reside and remain in their school's community for the period 9-20 April 2020 inclusive.
 - a. Given staying in community was an eligibility requirement, no ineligible staff remained in their school's community for period 9-20 April 2020 inclusive.
6. During the period 16 March 2020 to 27 May 2020, 44 school-based staff took COVID19 Self Isolation leave with full pay. One school-based employee took COVID19 Self Isolation leave without pay.

The associated costs relating to the 44 school-based staff on COVID-19 leave is \$125 429.

From 2 April 2020, employees entering either recreation, long service or personal leave were required to indicate whether it was COVID-19 related. At this point in time, advice has been received from the Department of Corporate and Information Services (DCIS) that the reports to extract this information are not yet available.

Data is not available at this time to identify the replacement costs due to COVID-19. Schools manage their relief teaching funding from within their budget allocation and this data is not captured centrally. It would require a significant level of administrative effort to identify these costs.

7. The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has advised that, as at 26 May 2020, the Building Better Schools (BBS) commitment continues to be progressed and 143 schools have projects either underway or have completed works. Completion dates will be established for the remaining schools along with the Minor New Works project schedule in the 2020-21 financial year as project scopes are identified.

ATTACHMENT A

BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS – AS AT 26 MAY 2020

School	Status
Acacia Hill School (Special)	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete Project 4. Complete Project 5. Design
Adelaide River School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete Project 4. Complete
Alawa Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete
Alcoota School	Not yet commenced
Alekarenge School ^c	Design / Document
Alice Springs School of the Air	Not yet commenced
Alice Springs Steiner School	In progress
Alpurrurulam School	Planning
Alyangula Area School	Complete
Alyarrmandumanja Umbakumba School ^c	Design / Document
Amanbidji School	Complete
Amoonunga School ^c	Planning
Ampilatwatja School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Not yet commenced
Angurugu School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete
Anula Primary School	Complete
Araluen Christian College	Complete
Areyonga School	Planning
Arlparra School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete
Bakewell Primary School	Complete
Baniyala Garrangali School	Not yet commenced
Barunga School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Planning
Batchelor Area School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Tender
Bees Creek Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete

School	Status
Belyuen School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete Project 4. Complete Project 5. Not yet commenced
Berry Springs Primary School	Not yet commenced
Bonya School	Not yet commenced
Borroloola School ^c	Planning
Bradshaw Primary School ^c	Construction stage
Braitling Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Not yet commenced
Bulla Camp School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Planning
Bulman School	Design / Document
Canteen Creek School ^c	Design / Document
Casuarina Senior College	Construction stage
Casuarina Street School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Centralian Middle School	Tender stage
Centralian Senior College	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Clyde Fenton School	Not yet commenced
Darwin High School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Design
Darwin Middle School	Complete
Douglas Daly School	Complete
Dripstone Middle School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete Project 4. Complete
Driver Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Dundee Beach School	Complete
Durack Primary School	Design / Document
Elliot School ^c	Design / Document
Epenarra School ^c	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Design
Essington International School Darwin	Not yet commenced
Finke School	Not yet commenced
Forrest Parade School	Not yet commenced
Gäwa Christian	Not yet commenced
Gillen Primary School	Tender stage
Girraween Primary School	Complete
Good Shepherd Lutheran College	In progress

School	Status
Gray Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Gunbalanya School ^c	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Construction
Haasts Bluff School	Complete
Haileybury Rendall School	Complete
Harts Range School	Planning
Henbury (Special) School	Design / Document
Holy Family Catholic Primary School	Complete
Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School	Complete
Howard Springs Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete
Humpty Doo Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Not yet commenced
Imanpa School ^c	Construction stage
Jabiru Area School ^c	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Construction
Jilkminggan School	Complete
Jingili Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete Project 4. Complete
Kalkaringi School ^c	Tender stage
Karama Primary School	Complete
Katherine High School	Tender stage
Katherine School of the Air	Tender stage
Katherine South Primary School	Complete
Kintore St. School (Special)	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Lajamanu School	Complete
Lake Evella School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Laramba School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete
Larapinta Primary School	Construction stage
Larrakeyah Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2a. Complete Project 2b. Complete Project 3. Complete
Leanyer Primary School	Complete
Living Waters Lutheran School	Complete
Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School	Complete

School	Status
Ludmilla Primary School	Complete
MacFarlane Primary School	Complete
Mackillop Catholic College	Not yet commenced
Malak Primary School	Complete
Mamaruni School ^c	Construction stage
Maningrida School	Complete
Manunda Terrace Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete
Manyallaluk School	Design / Document
Mäpuru Yirralka College	In progress
Marrara Christian College	Complete
Mataranka School	Design / Document
M'Bunghara School	Not yet commenced
Middle Point School	Not yet commenced
Milikapiti School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Milingimbi School	Complete
Milkwood Steiner School	In progress
Millner Primary School	Complete
Milyakburra School ^c	Construction stage
Minyerri School	Design / Document
Moil Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Moulden Park Primary School	Construction stage
Mount Allan School	Planning
Mulga Bore School ^c	Design / Document
Murray Downs School ^c	Design / Document
Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic	Not yet commenced
Mutitjulu School	Not yet commenced
Nakara Primary School	Complete
Nemarluk School (Special)	Complete
Newcastle Waters School	Not yet commenced
Nganambala School	Complete
Nganmariyanga School	Not yet commenced
Ngukurr School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Not yet commenced
Nhulunbuy Christian College	Complete
Nhulunbuy High School	Complete
Nhulunbuy Primary School	Complete
Nightcliff Middle School	Complete

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Nightcliff Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Ntaria School ^c	Construction stage
Numbulwar School	Not yet commenced
Nyangatjatjara College	Complete
Nyirripi School ^c	Design / Document
O'Loughlin Catholic College	Complete
OLSH Thamarrurr	Not yet commenced
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College	Complete
Palmerston Christian School	Complete
Palmerston College (10-12 Campus)	Complete
Palmerston College (7-9 Campus)	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Papunya School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Parap Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Tender
Peppimenarti School	Not yet commenced
Pigeon Hole School	Not yet commenced
Pine Creek School	Planning
Pularumpi School	Complete
Ramingining School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Robinson River School ^c	Planning
Rockhampton Downs School	Complete
Rosebery Primary School	Construction stage
Ross Park Primary School	Complete
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary	Complete
Sadadeen Primary School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Sanderson Middle School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete
Sattler Christian College	In progress
Shepherdson College ^c	Tender stage
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School	Complete
St Francis Xavier Catholic	Complete
St John's College	Complete
St Joseph's Catholic College	Complete
St Joseph's Catholic Flexible Learning	Not yet commenced
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Complete

School	Status
St Paul's Catholic Primary	Complete
St Philip's College	Complete
Stirling School	Not yet commenced
Stuart Park Primary School	Construction stage
Taminmin College	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Complete
Tennant Creek High School	Not yet commenced
Tennant Creek Primary School	Complete
Ti Tree School	Design / Document
Timber Creek School	Not yet commenced
Tipperary Station School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Titjikala School	Not yet commenced
Tiwi College	Complete
Urapunga School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Wagaman Primary School	Project 1 Complete Project 2. Complete
Wallace Rockhole School	Not yet commenced
Walungurru School	Complete
Wanguri Primary School	Complete
Warruwi School	Not yet commenced
Watiyawanu School	Complete
Willowra School	Not yet commenced
Woodroffe Primary School	Not yet commenced
Woolaning School	Not yet commenced
Woolianna School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Wugularr School	Not yet commenced
Wulagi Primary School	Complete
Xavier Catholic College	Complete
Yarralin School	Not yet commenced
Yipirinya School	Not yet commenced
Yirara College	Complete
Yirrkala Homelands Schools	Planning
Yirrkala School	Complete
Yuendumu School	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete
Yulara School ^c	Project 1. Complete Project 2. Complete Project 3. Design

^c The progress on 21 schools delayed due to COVID-19.