

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**QUESTION ON NOTICE***additional***PRIVATE SCHOOL FUNDING****QUESTION**

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – PRIVATE SCHOOL FUNDING – Dr Kaye MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

How much in funding and grants in 2009-10 did the following schools receive from;

1. the State Government and
2. the BER grants?
 - a) Trinity Grammar
 - b) Newington College
 - c) St Andrews Cathedral School
 - d) SCEGGS Darlinghurst
 - e) International Grammar
 - f) Sydney Grammar
 - g) St Scholastica's Glebe
 - h) St Maroun's School
 - i) The Athena School
 - j) AIM Secondary School

ANSWER

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a) Trinity Grammar	\$2,012,225.42
b) Newington College	\$1,588,669.17
c) St Andrews Cathedral School	\$1,304,530.50
d) SCEGGS Darlinghurst	\$962,931.97
e) International Grammar	\$1,015,876.66
f) Sydney Grammar	\$1,782,393.12
g) St Scholastica's Glebe	\$1,944,433.01
h) St Maroun's School	\$1,519,587.22
i) The Athena School	\$71,991.19
j) AIM Secondary School	\$75,343.49

2.

The NSW BER Integrated Program Office did not administer BER grants to private schools, and as such is unaware of their amounts.



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GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL FUNDING

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – FUNDING AND GRANTS
– Dr Kaye MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

How much in funding and grants in 2009-10 did the following schools receive from;

3. The State Government for operations (broken up into core staffing, operational and capital allocations) and
4. the BER grants?
 - a) Dulwich Hill
 - b) Newtown High School
 - c) Balmain High School
 - d) Leichhardt High School
 - e) Black Wattle Secondary College (sic)

ANSWER (3-4)

All NSW government schools are provided with annual global funding allocations from which they are expected to meet the cost of school operations. Global funding allocations are based on a combination of historical and formula based information, with consideration given to the relative size of each school, staff and student numbers and a range of special factors that cater for schools with unique circumstances.

Global funding allocations are calculated annually for each school, at the beginning of each school year. The funding entitlement comprises of the following four components:

- General Operations Grant
- Short Term Casual Relief
- Special Factors Loading
- Utilities/Related Items

In addition, schools are provided with substantial resources in the form of staffing, physical facilities and technological infrastructure. Funding is also provided for targeted programs in areas such as technology, literacy and numeracy, vocational education and services that address equity considerations.

Staffing, physical and technological infrastructure costs and targeted programs are funded centrally and details for individual schools are not available. The average recurrent funding per public school student in 2009/10 was \$12,316.

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GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL FUNDING (cont'd)

Global funding allocations in 2009-2010 for the following schools were as follows:

a) Dulwich Hill [High School]	\$278,257
b) Newtown High School	\$375,507
c) Balmain High School	\$275,205
d) Leichhardt High School	\$328,529
e) Black Wattle Secondary College (<i>Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Campus</i>)	\$323,589

Individual school funding, which includes centralised funding spent on behalf of schools is being developed for the first time for inclusion on the My School website and will be available for the calendar year 2009 from 3 December 2010.

Each of these schools received \$200,000 under the National School Pride component of the BER.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE 3

DALWOOD ASSESSMENT CENTRE

QUESTIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – DALWOOD ASSESSMENT CENTRE – the Hon Trevor Khan to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

5. What was the budget, broken-down into programs, for children with reading difficulties in:
 - a) 2008-09?
 - b) 2009-10?
 - c) 2010-11?
 - d) 2011-12?

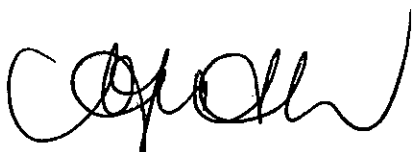
6. What was the budget for the Dalwood Assessment Centre in:
 - a) 2008-09?
 - b) 2009-10?

ANSWERS (5-6)

- 5 (a-d) The Department of Education and Training funds Palm Avenue School and NSW Health funds the Dalwood Assessment Centre to provide specialist services to children with complex reading difficulties in government and non-government schools.

I am advised that the Palm Avenue School budget cannot be itemised into individual funding streams by programs.

6. The Dalwood Assessment Centre comes under the jurisdiction of the Minister for Health.



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PALM AVE SCHOOL

QUESTIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – PALM AVE SCHOOL– the Hon Trevor Khan to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

7. What was the budget for the Palm Avenue School in:
 - a) 2008-09?
 - b) 2009-10?
8. What was the budget for Royal Far West in 2009-10?
9. How much does the department estimate that it cost per-child for one-month's residential care associated with the program at Palm Avenue School in:
 - a) 2008-09?
 - b) 2009-10?

ANSWERS

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 - a) \$1,424,182.
 - b) \$1,432,500 - this is an estimate only as the final 2010 year end data is yet to be finalised.
8. This question relates to a non-government organisation for which I do not have responsibility.
9.
 - a) I am advised that the Department of Education and Training contributed \$3,500 per student for the full four week program.
 - b) I am advised that the Department of Education and Training contributed \$5,000 per student for the full four week program.



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ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN – DALWOOD AND PALM AVE SCHOOL

QUESTIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN – DALWOOD AND PALM AVE SCHOOL – the Hon Trevor Khan to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

10. How many children across NSW were eligible for assistance by Palm Avenue School based solely on their geographic location in 2009-10?
11. How many children attended assessment at Dalwood in 2008-09?
12. How many children attended assessment at Dalwood/Westmead in 2009-10?
13. How many children attended the residential intervention at Palm Avenue School in:
 - a) 2008-09?
 - b) 2009-10?
14. How many children are estimated will attend assessment at the Westmead facility in:
 - a) 2010-11?
 - b) 2011-12?
15. How many children are estimated will attend residential intervention at Palm Avenue School/Royal Far West in:
 - a) 2010-11?
 - b) 2011-12?

ANSWERS

10. This data is not collected centrally.
11. This matter falls under the responsibilities of the Minister for Health.
12. This matter falls under the responsibilities of the Minister for Health.
13. a) 85
b) 63
14. This matter falls under the responsibilities of the Minister for Health.

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ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN – DALWOOD AND PALM AVE SCHOOL (cont'd)

15. This would be dependent on the number of children who undergo a third tier diagnostic assessment at the Child Development Unit at Westmead, and are deemed to derive an educational benefit from an intensive intervention.



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ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

QUESTIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – CENTRE FOR EFFECTIVE LEARNING – the Hon Trevor Khan to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

16. How much has been budgeted for the Centre for Effective Reading (sic) under the announced new structure for children with learning difficulties in:

- a) 2010-11?
- b) 2011-12?

17. How much has been budgeted for Royal Far West under the announced new structure for children with learning difficulties in:

- a) 2010-11?
- b) 2011-12?

18. How much has been budgeted for the proposed regional assessment and intervention services at Site 1, (proposed Wagga Wagga) in:

- a) 2010-11?
- b) 2011-12?

19. How much has been budgeted for the proposed regional assessment and intervention services at Site 2, (proposed Dubbo) in:

- a) 2010-11?
- b) 2011-12?

How much has been budgeted for the announced Child Development Unit, The Children's Hospital at Westmead in:

- a) 2010-11?
- b) 2011-12?

20. How much has been budgeted for the delivery of the announced programme for children with reading difficulties:

- a) At the universal level of service?
- b) At the targeted level of service?
- c) At the intensive level of service?

21. How much does the department estimate that it will cost per-child (including costs associated with parents) for one-week's residential care at Royal Far West?

22. How many children across NSW will be eligible under the announced scheme for reading difficulties based solely on their geographic location in:

- a) 2010-11?
- b) 2011-12?

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ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS (cont'd)

ANSWERS

16. (a - b) The Department of Education and Training estimates \$2.3 million per year based on 2009/10 recurrent staffing costs.

Costs related to infrastructure and operational costs are yet to be finalised.

17. This question relates to a non-government organisation for which I do not have responsibility.

18. (a - b) The Department of Education and Training estimates \$340,000 per year based on recurrent 2009/10 staffing costs.

Costs related to infrastructure and operational costs yet to be finalised.

19. (a - b) The Department of Education and Training estimates \$340,000 per year based on recurrent 2009/10 staffing costs.

The Child Development Unit at the Children's Hospital at Westmead falls under the responsibilities of the Minister for Health.

20. (a - c) The Department of Education and Training's budget for this provision is not itemised by levels of service.

21. \$1,250

22. (a - b) This data is not collected centrally.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

SALE OF LAND AT DALWOOD

QUESTIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – SALE OF LAND AT DALWOOD – the Hon Trevor Khan to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

In relation to the sale of the site occupied by the Dalwood Centre:

23. Has the Department entered into any agreements for the sale of the site?
24. Has the Department entered into any negotiations for the sale of the site?
25. Has the Department had the land valued?
26. If the land has been valued, what was the valuation of the land?
27. How many staff were made redundant at the Dalwood Centre with its closing?
28. Were there any reasons associated with the building that housed the Dalwood Centre that was a factor in the move away from using the facility?
29. If there were any problems associated with the building has any estimate been put on the cost to bring the facility up to a standard where full services could resume?
30. If an assessment was made on the cost to bring the facility up to a standard where services could resume, what was that estimate?

ANSWERS (23-30)

These matters relate to the responsibilities of the Minister for Health,

In relation to Question 28, I am advised that there were occupational health and safety issues in relation to the Dalwood Assessment Centre and Palm Avenue School buildings at Seaforth that were of consideration when scoping how the services provided to students with complex reading difficulties from remote and regional NSW could be improved.



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STRENGTHENING SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH COMPLEX READING DIFFICULTIES

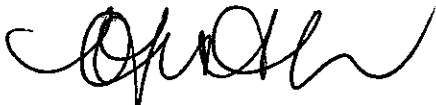
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BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – STRENGTHENING SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH COMPLEX READING DIFFICULTIES – the Hon Trevor Khan to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

31. How much money was allocated to the meetings, investigation, assessment and report of the Expert Panel's report "Strengthening services to students with complex reading difficulties in rural and remote areas of NSW"?

ANSWER

31. \$11,500



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DALWOOD – OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATION

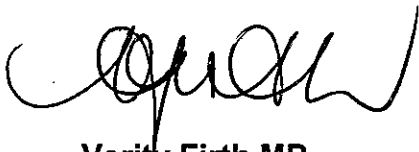
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BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – DALWOOD –
OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION – the Hon Trevor Khan to ask the Minister for
Education and Training –

32. What, if any, is the viable over-night accommodation capacity of Dalwood Centre?
33. What is the current viable over-night accommodation capacity at Royal Far West?

ANSWERS

32. This matter falls under the responsibilities of the Minister for Health.
33. This question relates to a non-government organisation for which I do not have responsibility.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

SCHOOLS AND TAFES – TAMWORTH ELECTORATE

QUESTIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – SCHOOLS AND TAFES – TAMWORTH ELECTORATE - The Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

34. How many schools/ TAFEs are there in the Tamworth electorate?
35. What are the names of each of the schools and TAFEs in the Tamworth electorate?
36. How many children, broken down into schools/ TAFEs, were enrolled in NSW public school/TAFEs in the Tamworth electorate in calendar year 2007?
37. How many children, broken down into schools/ TAFEs, were enrolled in NSW public school/TAFEs in the Tamworth electorate in calendar year 2008?
38. How many children, broken down into schools/ TAFEs, were enrolled in NSW public school/TAFEs in the Tamworth electorate in calendar year 2009?
39. How many children, broken down into schools/ TAFEs, were enrolled in NSW public school/TAFEs in the Tamworth electorate in calendar year 2010?

ANSWERS

34. There are 39 schools and 2 TAFE campuses located within the Tamworth electorate. In 2007 there were 40 schools.
35. The schools are: Attunga Public School, Barraba Central School, Bendemeer Public School, Boggabri Public School, Bullimal School, Carroll Public School, Curlewis Public School, Currabubula Public School, Dungowan Public School, Duri Public School, Fairfax Public School, Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School, G S Kidd Memorial School, Gunnedah High School, Gunnedah Public School, Gunnedah South Public School, Hillvue Public School, Kootingal Public School, Manilla Central School, Moonbi Public School, Mullaley Public School, Nemingha Public School, Niangala Public School, Nundle Public School, Oxley High School, Oxley Vale Public School, Parry School, Peel High School, Somerton Public School, Tambar Springs Public School, Tamworth High School, Tamworth Public School, Tamworth South Public School, Tamworth West Public School, Timbumburi Public School, Tintinhull Public School, Werris Creek Public School, Westdale Public School, Woolomin Public School.

The TAFE campuses are Gunnedah and Tamworth.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Full time equivalent Enrolment in Schools in Tamworth Electorate				
CODE	FULLNAME	2007	2008	2009
1016	Timbumburi Public School	115	123	118
1071	Attunga Public School	38	33	43
1140	Barraba Central School	225	205.5	208.2
1191	Bendemeer Public School	14	18	27
1276	Boggabri Public School	105	95	97
1520	Carroll Public School	14	10	7
1712	Curlewis Public School	70	55	44
1714	Currabubula Public School	30	24	32
1793	Dungowan Public School	50	49	52
1802	Duri Public School	34	36	29
1894	Fairfax Public School	14	12	11
2109	Gunnedah Public School	198	195	170
2180	Limbri Public School	8		
2327	Kootingal Public School	175	192	192
2608	Moonbi Public School	38	42	33
2660	Mullaley Public School	41	31	35
2725	Nemingha Public School	163	172	188
2748	Niangala Public School	11	20	20
2781	Nundle Public School	39	38	46
3079	Somerton Public School	40	31	27
3156	Tambar Springs Public School	12	9	12
3157	Tamworth Public School	614	609	612
3158	Tamworth West Public School	192	184	175
3221	Tintinhull Public School	52	52	45
3425	Werris Creek Public School	87	106	116
3428	Westdale Public School	376	389	411
3506	Woolomin Public School	30	26	25
3690	Oxley Vale Public School	278	279	293
3882	Tamworth South Public School	677	645	653
4018	Gunnedah South Public School	464	468	461
4437	Hillvue Public School	333	313	317
5569	Bullimbal School	33	33	34
5580	Parry School	16	17	12
5685	G S Kidd Memorial School	20	19	21
7305	Manilla Central School	359.8	358.6	353.6
8111	Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School	611	589.1	585.8
8139	Tamworth High School	796.1	777.8	732.2
8188	Gunnedah High School	600.2	579.2	573
8455	Oxley High School	1113.4	1077.3	1075
8525	Peel High School	401	423.3	413

TAFE INFORMATION

For these extracts the Department of Education and Training have counted only 'children' who have been defined as persons under 18 years of age. To eliminate double counting between Schools and TAFE NSW we have excluded TAFE NSW enrolments that have identified at the time of enrolment that they are undertaking a TVET course or that they were still enrolled in school. Using this methodology the following information is the student count for the two campuses in the Tamworth electorate:

	STUDENTS			
	2007	2008	2009	2010 YTD as at 26/9/10
Tamworth and Gunnedah Campuses	571	570	575	465

39. The results of the census of school enrolment conducted in August 2010 will not be available until December 2010. TAFE enrolments for 'children' 2010 year to date is provided above.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – TAMWORTH ELECTORATE

QUESTIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – TAMWORTH ELECTORATE - The Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

40. Are there any schools/TAFEs in the Tamworth electorate that are included in the 12 August 2010 announcement/list to replace unflued gas heaters?
41. If there are any schools included in the 12 August 2010 announcement/list what schools are they?
42. If there are any schools included in the 12 August 2010 announcement/ list how many unflued gas heaters will be replaced in each school?
43. If there are any schools included in the 12 August 2010 announcement/ list how much will it cost to replace and install new heaters per item?
44. How many unflued gas heaters are there installed in Tamworth electorate schools, TAFEs?

ANSWERS (40-44)

A stakeholder committee including teacher and parent representatives, as well as health advocates, determined the criteria for selecting schools to be included in the Government's initial, \$15 million unflued gas heater replacement program. No schools located in the Tamworth electorate are included in this initial replacement program.

However, all unflued gas heaters in government schools in NSW, including in the Tamworth electorate, will be replaced over time.

Unflued gas heaters are the standard space heating equipment used in most Department of Education and Training schools. As such, most schools in the Tamworth electorate would be expected to have unflued gas heaters.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

ASSESSMENT OF DATA - UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – TAMWORTH ELECTORATE

QUESTIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – ASSESSMENT OF DATA – UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – TAMWORTH ELECTORATE - The Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

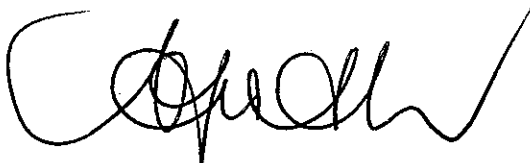
45. Can the Department provide the Bureau of Meteorology data used to assess all Schools and TAFEs in the Tamworth Electorate?
46. How many children in schools/ TAFEs in 2010 in the Tamworth electorate are subjected to rooms where the only heating source is an unflued gas heater?
47. When is it planned that all schools/ TAFEs in the Tamworth electorate will be provided with a heating source that does not include unflued gas heaters?

ANSWERS (45-47)

Schools have been prioritised by Degree Days of Heating, as provided by the Bureau of Meteorology. The data received from the Bureau of Meteorology is large and in a difficult format to provide; however, it does allow for great discrimination between locations and enabled the Department to identify the 100 coldest schools in the state.

Specific data relating to how many children in schools/TAFEs in 2010 in the Tamworth electorate attend classes in rooms where the only heating source is an unflued gas heater is not centrally collated.

A program for the replacement of unflued gas heaters will be developed following completion of the Department's research into heating alternatives in schools and TAFE colleges.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – BATHURST ELECTORATE

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – UNFLUED GAS HEATHERS - BATHURST – The Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

48. How many schools within the Bathurst Electorate currently have unflued gas heaters installed in classrooms?
49. Of these schools, how many will not have their unflued gas heaters removed under the first round of the Government's replacement program for school heaters?
50. What is the expected deadline for the replacement of unflued gas heaters for those schools within the Bathurst Electorate that are to benefit from the first round of the Government's replacement program for school heaters?
51. When is the expected deadline for the replacement of unflued gas heaters for those schools within the Bathurst Electorate that are not included in the first round of the Government's replacement program for school heaters?
52. What is the estimated cost of removing and replacing each individual unflued gas heater?
53. How many unflued gas heaters are currently in use in classrooms across the Bathurst Electorate?
54. What is the estimated combined cost of removing and replacing all unflued gas heaters in classrooms across the Bathurst Electorate?

ANSWERS (48-54)

The Department does not hold information on the day to day use of gas heaters in schools, however, the majority of the 41 schools in the Bathurst electorate would have unflued gas heaters in their classrooms.

Twenty schools in the Bathurst electorate are included in the Government's initial \$15 million replacement program for school heaters.

Alternative forms of heating are expected to be installed and in place under the Government's \$15 million replacement program before winter 2011.

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UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – BATHURST ELECTORATE (cont'd)

The Department of Education and Training is currently undertaking an environmental risk assessment to review its heating policy and appropriate actions to replace further heaters will be announced once that assessment is completed.

Based on estimates prepared by the Department of Services Technology and Administration the average cost of removing and replacing each individual unflued gas heater with a flued gas heater will be between \$5,500 and \$7,000.

This estimate incorporates not only the unit cost of the heater, but a number of other cost factors, such as the upgrading of existing gas and electricity services, the removal and disposal of existing heaters, the relocation of heater points from internal to external walls, the modification of fixed furniture and equipment, and the resolution of possible asbestos and heritage issues.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

HEALTH EFFECTS OF UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – BATHURST

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – HEALTH EFFECTS OF UNFLUED GAS HEATHERS - BATHURST – The Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

55. What evidence does the Government hold on evidence of adverse health effects of unflued gas heaters on asthmatic school children or those with other respiratory problems?
56. How many asthmatic children or children with other respiratory problems are currently known to attend schools within the Bathurst Electorate?
57. How many of asthmatic children (sic) or children with other respiratory problems are currently known to attend schools within the Bathurst Electorate which will not benefit from the first round of the Government's replacement program for school heaters?

ANSWERS (55-57)

An expert study conducted by respiratory specialists at the independent Woolcock Institute of Medical Research and presented as a report to the Government showed that while unflued heaters are associated with a small risk of increased wheezing and coughing in some students, there is no measurable reduction in a child's breathing capacity.

The report shows that having flued gas heaters at school, rather than unflued, makes a 0.5% difference to the likelihood a child would report overnight wheezing. The report is available on the Woolcock Institute's website.

The Department does not centrally collect data on children with asthma or other respiratory problems.



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BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER) – BATHURST

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER) – BATHURST, the Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

58 – What is the combined expenditure on building works in schools within the Bathurst Electorate under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program?

59 – What is the overall percentage of funds spent on building works in schools within the Bathurst Electorate under the BER program that was spent on administration costs incurred by the Integrated Program Office?

60 - What is the overall percentage of funds spent on building works in schools within the Bathurst Electorate under the BER program that was spent on management fees to Managing Contractors?

61 - What is the overall percentage of funds spent on building works in schools within the Bathurst Electorate under the BER program that was spent on incentive fees?

ANSWER (58-61)

I am unable to provide combined expenditure details at this time as many projects in the Bathurst Electorate are not contractually complete.

I am advised that the overall percentage of funds spent on administration costs on BER projects in this area was 1.3%. The average project management fee is 2.7%. The percentage spent on incentive fees ranges from 1 to 3.25%.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

BER PROJECTS – WESTERN NSW REGION

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – BER PROJECTS – WESTERN NSW REGION – the Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

62. Is the BER program in the Western NSW region on budget?
63. Is the BER program in the Western NSW on time?
64. How many complaints has the Department of Education & Training's Western NSW region received since February 2009
65. How many of those complaints were in relation to the BER program?

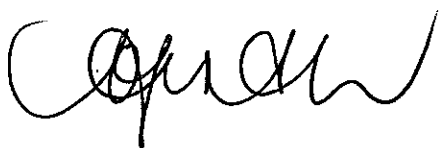
ANSWER (62-65)

Building the Education Revolution projects in NSW government schools are expected be delivered within the Commonwealth Government's timeframe and funding allocations.

The current status of all Building the Education Revolution Primary Schools for the 21st Century projects in NSW government schools is detailed on the NSW Building the Education Revolution website at: www.ber.nsw.gov.au. This includes the approved funding level from the Commonwealth Government for each project, as well as estimated project costs.

Final costs for all Primary Schools for the 21st Century projects are yet to be determined. Once determined, the final cost of the projects will be published on the NSW BER website.

I am advised that six formal complaints have been received in relation to the Building the Education Revolution program in Western NSW from February 2009 through to 27 September 2010.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

TCT CONSTRUCTIONS - DUBBO

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – TCT CONSTRUCTIONS – DUBBO – the Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

66. Given Dubbo based company TCT Constructions, which was subcontracted by the Government for the BER program, went into liquidation in May this year, how many smaller local businesses in the Dubbo region were affected?
67. Given the businesses were owed more than \$1.7 million, have these local businesses been paid? If not, please state why.
68. In regards to the \$30,000 COLA constructed at Marra Creek Public School as part of the BER program, are you aware a local welder in Dubbo, Jarrod Kennedy, was sub-contracted to TCT Constructions, which has now gone into liquidation?
69. Are you also aware Mr Kennedy was unsure if he would see the \$60,000 he was owed for work at Marra Creek and Corinda State School so he tore the building down and reclaimed his materials?
70. What is your response to Mr Kennedy's comment that there were "too many middle men", and says that what he did is not illegal, as the materials remained his property until he was paid in full?

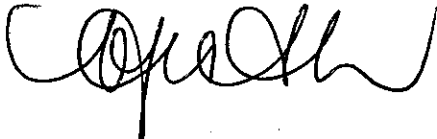
ANSWER (66-70)

I am advised that TCT Constructions was contracted by Laing O'Rourke, the Building the Education Revolution Managing Contractor for the Western NSW and Riverina Regions.

Laing O'Rourke advised the Building the Education Revolution Program Office it had made payments to TCT on the basis of TCT's warranties under statutory declaration that TCT had made all payments due and owing to sub-contractors. TCT went into voluntary liquidation on 14 April 2010.

Laing O'Rourke has no contractual relationship with Mr Jarrod Kennedy and, as such, the matter for payment is between TCT and Mr Kennedy.

I am advised that the matter involving Mr Kennedy and the removal of materials from the Marra Creek Public School site has been reported to the police and they are currently handling the case.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE 21

UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – DUBBO

QUESTIONS

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – DUBBO – the Hon Robyn Parker MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

71. How many schools in total are in the Department of Education and Training's Western NSW Region?
72. How many heaters on average does each school have?
73. How many of these heaters are unflued?
74. Under what criteria did the Minister compile the list of 100 schools that would be first to have their heaters removed?
75. What was the reason for Dubbo schools not making the list?
76. Given heaters at schools in the coldest regions are set to be removed first, in what timeframe is it expected that unflued heaters at schools in the Dubbo region will be removed?

ANSWERS

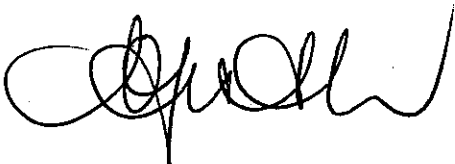
71. There are 196 Government schools in the Department of Education and Training's Western NSW Region.
72. Specific data relating to the number of unflued gas heaters in schools in the Western NSW Region is not readily available.
73. The majority of schools in the Western NSW Region would have unflued gas heaters in their classrooms.
74. A stakeholder committee including teacher and parent representatives, as well as health advocates, determined the criteria for selecting these schools. Schools have been prioritised by Degree Days of Heating, as provided by the Bureau of Meteorology. The data received from the Bureau of Meteorology allows for great discrimination between locations which has enabled the Department of Education and Training to identify the 100 coldest schools in the State.
75. Schools in Dubbo were not included on the list of the 100 coldest school as schools in this location did not fall into any of the coldest areas in the State defined by the Degree Days of Heating data from the Bureau of Meteorology.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

UNFLUED GAS HEATERS – DUBBO (Continued)

76. For the wider replacement program, the Department of Education and Training is looking at alternatives to unflued gas heaters and will determine the most appropriate replacement for individual schools. A program for the replacement of unflued gas heaters will be developed following completion of the Department's research into heating alternatives.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

CAPITAL WORKS – MONARO ELECTORATE

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – CAPITAL WORKS – MONARO ELECTORATE – The Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –


- (78) What funds were expended on capital works (non BER) in the NSW Education portfolio in the Monaro electorate in each year since 2007?
- (79) What were these projects?
- (80) What funds are planned to be expended on capital works in the Monaro electorate in each of the next three years?

ANSWER

(78) – (80)

It has not been possible to compile all of the data required to provide a complete response prior to the lodgement of this answer.

The Department will provide the committee with the information requested once it has been compiled and verified.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER) – MONARO ELECTORATE

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER) – MONARO – The Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

81. What is the combined expenditure on building works in schools within the Monaro electorate under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program?
82. Please list individual BER projects in the Monaro electorate including estimated and actual costs?
83. What is the overall percentage of funds spent on building works in schools within the Monaro electorate under the BER program that was spent on administration costs incurred by the Integrated Program Office?
84. What is the overall percentage of funds spent on building works in schools within the Monaro electorate under the BER program that was spent on management fees to Managing Contractors?
85. What is the overall percentage of funds spent on building works in schools within the Monaro electorate under the BER program that was spent on incentive fees?

ANSWER (81) – (85)

The funding levels approved by the Commonwealth Government as well as the current status of all Building the Education Revolution projects in NSW government schools is detailed on the NSW Building the Education Revolution website at: www.ber.nsw.gov.au.

Also available on the NSW Building the Education Revolution website are the project costs for Primary Schools for the 21st Century Schools program. Final costs for all Primary Schools for the program have not yet been determined. Once they are determined, they will be available on the website.



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Please note:
On the original document, (86) was incorrectly given to a heading rather than a question - hence there is no answer.
- Camille Scaybrook
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CAPITAL WORKS – PORT MACQUARIE

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER) – PORT MACQUARIE – The Hon Trevor Khan MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

- (87) What funds were expended on capital works (non BER) in the NSW Education portfolio in the Port Macquarie electorate in each year since 2007?
- (88) What were these projects?
- (89) What funds are planned to be expended on capital works in the Port Macquarie electorate in each of the next three years?

ANSWER

(87) – (89)

It has not been possible to compile all of the data required to provide a complete response prior to the lodgement of this answer.

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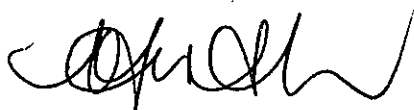
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ANSWER (90-94)

(90) – (94)

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

OBSOLETE SCHOOL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT - BER

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – OBSOLETE SCHOOL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT - BER – Ms Robyn Parker MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training -

Regarding sending overseas obsolete school furniture and equipment following the BER projects please provide:

95. The cost of each component of the program (for example removal, packing, shipping and distribution).
96. How was this cost funded?

ANSWERS (95-96)

Each school's Primary Schools for the 21st Century funding covers the full cost of developing and delivering the project including the cost of dealing with any unwanted furniture.

The programme in which unused furniture is sent to schools in developing countries has been set up and administered by Rotary Australia and Hansen Yuncken, the Managing Contractor in South Western Sydney.



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QUESTION ON NOTICE

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES – EDUCATION AND TRAINING – SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES – the Hon R Parker MLC to ask the Minister for Education and Training –

97 - What programs does the NSW Government have in place to support school students who are disadvantaged through family circumstances?

ANSWER

The NSW Department of Education and Training has in place a range of targeted equity programs for children and young people in government schools who are disadvantaged due to family circumstances.

These programs include the Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities Reform Extension Initiative, the Priority Schools Funding Program, the Priority Action Schools Program and the Links to Learning Program. The NSW and Commonwealth Government also jointly fund the Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities National Partnership.

The NSW Department of Education and Training will also continue to work in partnership with non-government agencies to meet the needs of children and young people disadvantaged through family circumstances.



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