



Inquiry into the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Caitlin Tough MLA

Addressed to: Treasurer

Redirected to: -

In relation to: Mr Eslake's report - cost of education

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Answer Due: 17/03/2026

In terms of the cost of education as outlined in Mr Eslake's Interim Report, how does teacher remuneration and costs in ACT public schools compare to public schools in other jurisdictions?

MR CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

ACT public school teachers are currently among the highest paid in the country, as the ACT Government recognises the invaluable work that teachers and school leaders do every day. Competitive remuneration is critical in attracting and retaining graduate and experienced teachers in ACT public schools in an ongoing national teacher shortage. 53% of ACT school-based teachers are currently paid at the top increment of the teacher classification.

The Northern Territory is currently the highest paid jurisdiction for graduate and top of range teachers.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Signature:

By the Treasurer, Mr Chris Steel MLA

Date:

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