



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Education and Early Childhood

Reference: Education

Hearing: 17/11/2025

In relation to: Education and Allied Health in Catholic Schools

Question received: 21/11/2025

Answer Due: 05/12/2025

(1) To what degree is the government assisting in providing Allied Health professionals to Catholic Diocese Schools in the ACT?

(2) How much money has the government committed to this project?

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

(1) The ACT Government does not provide Allied Health professionals to Catholic Schools. Under the National Schools Resourcing Standard (SRS), the ACT is required to provide 20% of SRS funding to non-government schools, including Catholic Diocese Schools. The actual amount varies as it is dependent on enrolment numbers. Catholic Education makes decisions on how to allocate this funding to its schools, which can cover a range of services, potentially including allied health professionals.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Education Ltd (CEL) has entered into a 12 month Deed of Grant Agreement with the Canberra Health Services, to provide the nurse led Healthcare Access at School (HAAS) under a 'fee for service' model. This program is funded by CEL and will commence in Term 1, 2026.

(2) The ACT Government has not committed any money to this project with Catholic Diocese Schools as this is a 'fee for service' model.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

By the Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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