



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION  
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**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**19 October 2021**

Asked by MR CAIN on 19 October 2021 Ms Haire took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Budget statement F - Why the words were changed from “growing the workforce” to the much more general and broad “teaching excellence”

MINISTER BERRY The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

The *Future of Education Strategy* remains unchanged. The budget papers include a limited summary of elements of the strategy.

The summary in the ACT budget statement priorities for the Future of Education for 2021-2022 is consistent with previous years in its commitment to build expert teaching teams and invest in teacher excellence. Additional clarification provided in the 2020-2021 budget paper (within Phase 1 of Future of Education) that ‘this includes capability and growing the workforce’ has been changed in 2021-2022 budget paper (within Phase 2 of Future of Education) to ‘this includes building capability and teaching excellence.’

The statement reflects a further focus on teaching excellence, not that there will no longer be a focus on growing the workforce.

The Future of Education Phase Two Implementation Plan, due to be launched in early 2022, includes a priority focus on both 'teaching excellence' and 'delivering a workforce for the future.' This includes a focus on expanding the workforce.

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By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Minister Yvette Berry