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Appropriation Bill 2024-2025 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative  
Assembly) Bill 2024-2025

Question on Notice (Committee)

**Asked by:** Ms Leanne Castley MLA

**Addressed to:** Minister for Health

**Reference:** HAAS Healthcare Access (Education and Health portfolios)

**Date:** 25/07/2024

**In relation to:** Canberra Health Services HAAS Healthcare Access (Education and Health portfolios)

**Question Lodgement Date:** 25/07/2024

**Date Answer Due:** 02/08/2024

**Question**

- 1) What was the cost of the Healthcare Access at School (HAAS) program in
  - (a) 2022-23
  - (b) 2023-24
  - (c) projected for the next four years?
- 2) How many
  - (a) students
  - (b) ACT public schools benefitted from this program in 2022-23 and 2023-24?
- 3) Have any requests been received from non-Government schools for access to this program:  
if so
  - (a) from which schools or types of school
  - (b) in each case have these requests for access to HAAS be granted?

**MS STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –**

- 1) HAAS costs incurred by Canberra Health Services (CHS) are detailed in the table below and comprise:
  - Staffing employed by CHS;
  - Operational Expenses incurred by CHS; and
  - 50% of Education Staff in Schools as invoiced by Education.

Financial Year	Cost of HAAS program \$'000
2022-23	1,485
2023-24	1,525
2024-25	1,565
2025-26	1,614
2026-27	1,658
2027-28	1,702

Note:

The HAAS program is a collaborative program between CHS and EDU. These figures represent the CHS costs only.

2)

Number of students and ACT public schools that accessed the HAAS program			
	2022	2023	2024 (as at 30/7/24)
a) Number of Students	57	53	62
b) Number of ACT Public Schools	30	30	39

Note: as HAAS is a school-based program, data is collected by school years and not financial years.

3)

- a) Catholic Education has contacted the ACT Government requesting support for two students in a primary school and a high school.
- b) CHS has been in discussions with the Catholic Education Office about expansion of healthcare support.

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Signature: 

Date: 21/8/24

By Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith Minister for Health