



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Yvette Berry MLA, Minister for Education and Early Childhood

Reference: Infrastructure Canberra

Hearing: 17 February 2025

In relation to: Strathnairn ECEC Centre

Question received: 18 February 2025

Answer Due: 27 February 2025

The new preschool to year 6 School and Early Childhood Education and Care Centre in Strathnairn, Ginninderry has been delayed as is reported it will open for Term 1, 2026.

- (1) What's the update on the Strathnairn school?
- (2) When will it be open for enrolments?
- (3) When will it be open for operations?
- (4) How are you communicating this to the residents of Strathnairn?

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

- 1) Site works for the Strathnairn Early Childhood Education and Care Centre (ECEC) have commenced, with excavation works ongoing and the first slabs for the Learning Communities poured on 31 January 2025.
- 2) Preschool to Year 6 enrolments will open on 29 April 2025 for the 2026 school year. Enrolments received by 6 June 2025 will receive an offer from 28 July 2025 onwards, enrolments received after 6 June 2025 can expect an offer later in the year. Noting enrolments stay open after 29 April 2025 for the whole year.
- 3) Certificate of Occupancy is currently scheduled for 6 January 2026, with building opening arrangements scheduled to begin on 7 January 2026 and be completed by 15 January 2026.
- 4) The Education Directorate informed all relevant stakeholders and the Strathnairn community about the revised opening date in November 2023. Infrastructure Canberra and the Education Directorate will continue to inform the community of the construction milestones and other incoming information through ACT Government websites, a variety of digital and print communications materials, and in-person engagements.

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Signature:

By the Minister for Education, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

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