



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr James Milligan MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 16 November 2023, Annual Report of the ACT Education Directorate

In relation to: Nicholls College

Page 319 of the Education Annual report book states that “early feasibility and high-level master planning has commenced for the proposed college site in Nicholls.”

- (1) Of the 800 million dedicated to this project over the next four years, how much will be spent on the study and master plan?
- (2) When will the feasibility study and master plan be released
 - (a) Who is being consulted as apart of these studies?
- (3) Minister, where is the proposed site for this college?
- (4) What traffic management plans will be conducted to ensure traffic and pedestrian safety during the construction and after the completion?

Minister Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

(1) \$800 million is the total dedicated to the ACT Education Capital Works Program over the next four years, not only to the Nicholls College project.

This project will be in the market within the first quarter of 2024 and the continuation of the master planning will form a part of that overall project. The tender award details will be made available at the conclusion of this process.

(2) This will be subject to confirmation with the successful tenderer but it is anticipated to be available in mid-2024.

- (a) A wide range of stakeholders have already been identified for this project. These stakeholders include both internal ACT Government agencies such as EPSDD, TCCS and Sport and Recreation. The Government will also engage widely with local residents, incoming students and their families, Gold Creek School leadership teams and industry partners. A communications plan for the project will be finalised in early 2024 and will further identify interested stakeholders.

(3) The proposed site is Block 11, Section 78 in Nicholls and is directly north of Gold Creek High School.

(4) The safety of students, staff and the community is of the highest priority. Comprehensive traffic management plans will be undertaken during the planning phase to ensure all traffic management impacts are understood and managed with the highest degree of personal safety in mind.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:

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Date: 06/12/23

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