



Inquiry into the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Education and Early Childhood

Reference: Early Childhood Education and Care - Education

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In relation to: Early Childhood Education and Care - Education

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Answer Due: 9 June 2026

What is the ACT government's plan to prepare the ECEC workforce to move from 300 hours/year of free early childhood education and care to 600 hours/year by 2028?

Please provide all relevant costings for the plan.

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

Consultation with the ECEC sector will be undertaken in 2026 to determine the most suitable approach to expansion of the program. Costings for the plan will be developed based on learnings from the first three years of program implementation and feedback and insights received through consultation to ensure that the implementation approach reflects sector realities. The approach and costings will be a future decision for government.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on the Fiscal Sustainability of the ACT.

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10/05/26

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