



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Hanson MLA:

In relation to:

Chrome books (Education AR Page 18, 321)

1. What is the breakdown (units, software, support) of the cost \$1,415,000 of the 2,000 Chromebooks provided to students for COVID response cost?

Early Years Literacy Initiative (Education AR Page 43)

2. What evaluation has been made of this initiative?

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

1. Chromebook unit costs are commercial in confidence and release of this information would prejudice future tender processes.

The value of the hardware, software and services that is covered by this contract has been thoroughly market tested over the past three years, with three separate open tender processes governed by ACT Procurement Board. The ACT Government has agreed to the pricing schedule to be redacted under the confidential text arrangement (refer Schedule 4 of the contract).

The total value of the contract includes the supply of Chromebooks as well as hardware, software and service, including:

- Acer Spin 511 Chromebook
- White gloving (imaging and enrolment of the device to the ACT Education domain)
- Google Chrome License
- Test and Tag service
- Upgraded 3-year warranty
- Onsite support services
- Delivery



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2. Evaluation of the Early Years Literacy Initiative occurs annually, as well as tracking of year on year results over time. The evaluation of the project measures a number of different areas, including student performance in school based and system wide assessment, teacher knowledge in research based effective literacy instruction, as well as capacity of school-based literacy coaches to drive further improvement.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Community Inclusion

Signature:

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