



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),
Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Braddock: To ask the Minister Cheyne, Minister for Multicultural Affairs

[Ref: Portfolio area: Multicultural Affairs

In relation to: Community languages announcement

With respect to the announcement to *funding for the Community Language Schools program to support community language schools, including teacher professional development, a teaching resources fund and grants to support the establishment of the program in new schools.*

- (1) What is the amount budgeted for teacher professional development?
- (2) What be actually be provided to teachers for teacher professional development?
- (3) What is the amount budgeted for the teaching resources fund?
- (4) What resources will be provided to community languages teachers as a result of the teaching resources fund?
- (5) What is budgeted for grants to support the establishment of the program in new schools?
- (6) When and how will new schools be able to access these grants?
- (7) What consultation is planned with community languages schools and teachers in delivery of these initiatives?

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

An additional \$513,000 over four years was allocated in the 2022/23 Budget for the Community Language Schools program. This is in addition to the existing funding of \$981,000 over four years. The 2022/23 total funding for the Community Language Schools program is \$361,000.

The amount for each component of the new Community Language Schools program funding model will be finalised following consultation with the ACT Community Language Schools Association (ACTCLSA) and its member community language schools.

- (1) The amount indicatively budgeted for teacher professional development is \$60,000 per year.
- (2) An accredited teacher professional development will be developed in consultation with the ACTCLSA and its members.
- (3) The amount indicatively budgeted for the teaching resources fund is \$65,000 per year.
- (4) A fund for the development, purchase and/or sharing of teaching resources will be developed in consultation with the ACTCLSA and its members.
- (5) The amount indicatively budgeted to support the establishment of new community language schools is \$25,000 per year.

- (6) The community language school start-up grant mechanism will be developed in consultation with the ACTCLSA and its members. Implementation of the new funding model will commence at the start of the 2023 school year.
- (7) The Community Services Directorate will consult with ACTCLSA and its members to inform the development of the new funding model including a Teacher Professional Development Program and a New School and Teaching Resources Development Fund. Consultation will commence with ACTCLSA members in September 2022.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature: 

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By the Minister Tara Cheyne (Minister for Multicultural Affairs)