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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Leanne Castley MLA on 26 July 2023: Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: UNSW Canberra.

MS CASTLEY: Thank you. And then back to UNSW, Ms Arthy, you said that there would be 3 billion. Is that over 20 years?

Ms Arthy: I think the assessment would have been 20 years. So this is the economic impact and we would have done it over the life of the investment so I would think it would be 20 years but we will confirm that.

Mr Barr: But we will confirm that. Yes, so we will take it on notice and provide the detail, yes.

MS CASTLEY: Sure, and just when do we expect the first students to attend?

Ms Arthy: They are starting construction in 2024. I can text my team while we are here and see if we can get that answer.

Mr Barr: We will see if we can get an answer before the end of the hearing, yes.

THE CHAIR: All right, excellent. Thank you, Ms Castley.

MS CASTLEY: Thank you, that was great.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The economic benefits from the project are estimated over an approximately 20-year period.

UNSW already has students enrolled and undertaking classes in Building J of CIT Reid. Each stage of the new campus development contains academic facilities. Stage one is scheduled for completion in 2025 and it is expected that new facilities will be accessible to student intake after that point.

UNSW's [Master Plan](https://canberra.unsw.edu.au/the-campus/campus-master-plan/) includes the following student number projections (as on page 34)
(<https://canberra.unsw.edu.au/the-campus/campus-master-plan/>)

- End of stage 1 (2025): 662
- End of stage 2 (2031): 1,362

- End of stage 3 (2034): 3,109
- End of stage 4 (2036): 4,715

UNSW estimates there will 6,000 students, including 1,600 international students, by 2045.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Economic Development, Andrew Barr MLA