



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
Annual and Financial Report 2011 - 2012
QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Berry MLA on 22 February 2013. JOY BURCH MLA took on notice the following supplementary question:

At pp 24,51 & 93 of the ETD 2011 – 2012 Annual Report, there are references to the 'empowered' schools. Can you advise whether there has been a review of the trial rollout and if so provide detail on the questions below.

- a) Have there been any marked changes in outcomes for students and what are they?
- b) Has the trial shown any changes in workload for staff?
- c) Have any of the trial schools exceeded or spent less than their allocations, and if so, how has that money been reallocated?

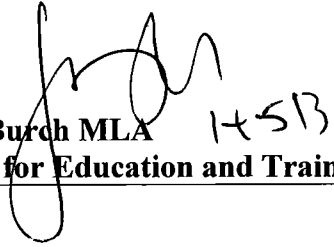
Ms BURCH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

A review of School-based management was undertaken in 2009 in light of significant changes to the operational environment of schools. The project to further empower school leadership arose from that review.

The Empowering School Leadership initiative began as a trial in 2011 with eight schools participating. The number of schools participating was expanded to 23 in 2012. In 2013 all ACT public schools are operating under an empowered school model for human resources and a smaller number of schools are applying alternative resource allocation models for school finances.

A formal review of the trial roll-out has yet to be initiated.

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Ms Joy Burch MLA 14513
Minister for Education and Training

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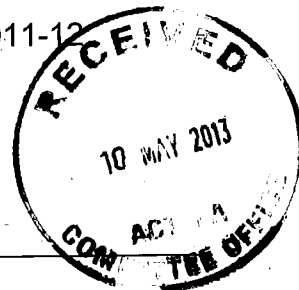


LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

Education and Training Directorate Annual Report Hearing 2011-12
held on Friday 22 February 2013

ANSWER TO QUESTION



Asked by MS BERRY MLA:

In the Answer to Question on Notice 36 [asked 29 November 2012 and appearing in Hansard 14 February 2013, pp678-678], the benefits accruing to the installation of solar panels in public schools include an income stream of \$780,000pa. Can the Minister advise whether this sum will be apportioned to each school or consolidated centrally?

JOY BURCH MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

Each ACT public school will receive the income generated by the solar panel systems installed at their school. ACT public schools are eligible to receive a tariff rate of 45.7 cents per kilowatt hour under the ACT Feed-in tariff scheme (FiT). The actual income each school has received is shown on the electricity account the school receives from their energy retail provider, either ERM Business Energy or ActewAGL Retail.

Schools with a 10 kilowatt system can expect to receive around \$6,700 per annum under the ACT Feed-in Tariff scheme, schools with a 20 kilowatt system can expect to receive around \$13,400 per annum and schools with a 30 kilowatt system can expect to receive around \$20,100 per annum.

The schools are required to record this income and to apply it to further environmental sustainable initiatives within the school. The Education and Training Directorate is able to assist schools to identify those initiatives and will approve each school's annual program of initiatives.

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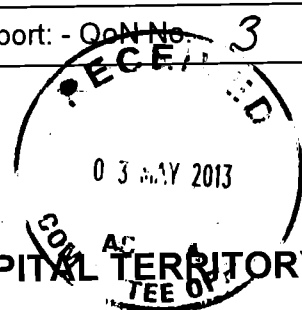
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By the Minister for Education and Training Joy Burch MLA

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY****STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS**

Canberra Institute of Technology Annual Report Hearing 2012
held on Thursday 14 March 2013

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Berry MLA: asked the Minister for Education and Training on 19 March 2013:

I understand CIT commissioned a consultancy to examine and report of the capabilities of the Human Resources function. Is that Report being acted upon and how and will that Report be released publicly?

1. Is there a Teachers Code of Professional Practice in place at CIT?
2. Has CIT undertaken any assessment of workload pressures on their staff in recent years, and if not, do they intend to in the coming reporting cycle?

Ms Burch MLA: The answer to the Members question is:

As part of an overall review of CIT's structure, HBA consulting was engaged to undertake a review of the current organisational arrangements and capabilities of CIT Human Resources. This is an internal management report not intended for publication. In 2013, the human resources functions, along with all parts of CIT, are being refocussed to better position CIT for the changing vocational education environment.

1. There is a Professional Practice at CIT document that applies to teaching and non-teaching staff. A hard copy version was circulated to staff on its release and an electronic version is available on the Staff Information Site. CIT intends to update this document to align it with the ACT Government Code of Conduct and to provide clearer directions on professional conduct. This work will begin in 2013.
2. CIT has not undertaken an assessment of workload pressures. However, CIT has commenced a process, in consultation with the AEU, to examine claims of workload pressures by teaching staff.

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By the Minister for Education and Training Joy Burch MLA

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