



**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 Milligan To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs

Ref: Budget Statement F – Education and Youth Affairs

In relation to: New and Expanded Schools

On page 23 Budget statement F – Education, mentions planning for increasing college capacity in Canberra's north yet offset the cost. Why have you offset the cost?

- a) Where will this money be offset from?
- b) When can residents of Canberra's north expect the much-needed expansion of college capacity?
- c) Is this intended to be funded by future borrowings and how much?
- d) Have you identified which college may be expanding? If yes:
- e) What have you used to base your decision on which college may be expanding?

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

- a) The project will be offset from funding provided through the 2021-22 Budget initiative *New and Expanded Schools – Future planning*.
- b) The Government is undertaking master planning and preliminary design works during 2022-23 which will inform the timeframe for delivery; this is also subject to a future decision of Government.
- c) Any future construction would be subject to a decision of Government and future budget processes.
- d) Education owned land in Nicholls (adjacent to Gold Creek School) has been identified as the preferred site.
- e) Feasibility and planning work including enrolment forecasting has confirmed there is sufficient forecast sustained demand to warrant investment in expanded college capacity in the Gungahlin region.

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

Signature:

By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Yvette Berry

Date: 30/08/22