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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Ms Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs
Ref: Education and Youth Affairs, Budget Outlook, p139
Hearing Date: 19 July 2023

In relation to: Roof Replacement for Latham Primary and Cranleigh Primary School

- 1) On what date is it expected that the Latham Primary school roof replacement will begin?
 - a) Is it expected that there will be a disruption to normal school operations?
 - i. If so, how will that disruption be worked around?
 - b) How much will the roof replacement cost?
 - c) Why is the roof replacement needed? When was it identified that it needed replacement?
- 2) On what date is it expected that the Cranleigh Specialist School roof replacement will begin?
 - a) Is it expected that there will be a disruption to normal school operations?
 - i. If so, how will that disruption be worked around?
 - b) How much will the roof replacement cost?
 - c) Why is the roof replacement needed? When was it identified that it needed replacement?

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

- 1) The 2023-24 Budget allocates \$10.9 million for roof replacements at Latham Primary School, Gowrie Primary School, Red Hill Primary School and Telopea Park School. In relation to Latham Primary School, preliminary roof investigations will begin in 2023-24 to establish the condition of the existing structure and associated infrastructure. The current timeline for roof investigations and consultants' reports, cost plans and design is between 4-6 months – this information is required to prepare procurement documentation for the market.
 - a) Previous and current roof replacements have not disrupted school operations. Detailed consultation with the schools on operational matters are factored into the construction program to ensure minimal disruption and student and staff safety.
 - i. See above.
 - b) An initial site audit without any invasive roof investigations estimates the project cost to be between \$2 million and \$3 million based on other similar sized schools.
 - c) Upgrading roofs delivers improved thermal efficiencies, reduced overall expenditure on energy and repairs, and provides a better internal environment. Ongoing asset management assessments of school infrastructure identifies a program of potential upgrade works over a number of years.

- 2) Page 139 of the Budget Outlook refers to infrastructure upgrades at Cranleigh Specialist School. A roof replacement is not within the scope of these infrastructure upgrades. The project at Cranleigh Specialist School will support student and staff safety, capacity and the modernisation of learning environments to ensure they need the needs of students and the education workforce.
- a) Detailed consultation with the schools on operational matters are factored into the construction program to ensure minimal disruption and student and staff safety.
 - i. See above.
 - b) N/A.
 - c) N/A.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

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Date: 03/08/2023

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