



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA (Chair), Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Deputy Chair),
Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE (QToN)
Public Hearing - Inquiry into the Future of School Infrastructure in the ACT
8 August 2023

Asked by MR PETERSSON on 8 August 2023: Minister BERRY (Education and Youth Affairs) took on notice the following question(s):

Ref: *Hansard - Uncorrected Proof Transcript (UPT)*, 8 August 2023 [page 57]

In relation to: *Which town centre, in its surrounding schools, has the largest capacity constraints for future school enrolments?*

THE CHAIR: Increasingly more people are living in our town centres. Which town centre, in its surrounding schools, has the largest capacity constraints for future school enrolments?

Mr Matthews: We would have to take the detail of that on notice, Mr Pettersson. So, you are obviously—you are talking about the main town centres and the surrounding school's capacity. I can assure you that is something that we monitor very closely. So, within the education directorate we have a planning committee, which I am very happy to be involved in. It is a great committee—

MINISTER BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Town centres experience periodic population growth; however, this does not automatically create capacity constraints in corresponding Priority Enrolment Area (PEA) schools. Based on current and future capacity as well as population and enrolment projections, each town centre (including Gungahlin, Belconnen, Phillip and Greenway) and surrounding schools will meet future enrolment demand through enrolment policy, established schools and infrastructure and capacity investment.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:

Date: 24/10/23

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