



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mr Hanson MLA:

In relation to:

Brindabella Christian College (BCC)

1. Have you had any representations concerning the BCC?
2. What actions are you taking concerning those representations?

Home education (Education AR Page 55-56)

3. How many homes are currently registered for home schooling?
4. How many students are registered for home schooling?
5. How often does the Directorate meet with advocacy groups representing Home schooling families?

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

1. As Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development, I have met with parents of Brindabella Christian College and received correspondence in relation to Brindabella Christian College.
2. I have sought advice from the Education Directorate on the school's compliance with the conditions of registration under the *Education Act 2004*, and the compliance of the early learning centre under the National Law. I have written to the Commonwealth Minister for Education and Youth to ask that the Commonwealth Government continues to exercise its oversight of the school's compliance under the *Australian Education Act 2013*. I continue to respond to correspondence regarding Brindabella Christian College.
3. As at 16 March 2021, there are 253 ACT families who have registered their children for home education with the Education Directorate.
4. As at 16 March 2021, there are 385 children and young people registered for home education with the Education Directorate.
5. During 2019 the Education Directorate met with representatives of Home Education Association (HEA), Home Education Network ACT and Southern Tablelands (HENCAST), Christian Home Education Canberra (CHEC) and families to discuss proposed changes to legislation.

During 2020 members of the Education Directorate's senior executive met with the



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president and representatives of the HEA to discuss home education in the ACT.

In early 2020 the Education Directorate commenced the process to form a Home Education Advisory Group consisting of representatives of HEA, HENCAST and CHEC and self-nominated members of the ACT home education community.

The COVID-19 health emergency prevented the advisory group from meeting in 2020. The Education Directorate is re-engaging with stakeholders to enable a meeting this year.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Community Inclusion

Signature:

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