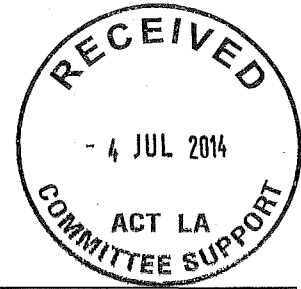




**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2014-2015**

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mr Smyth on 23 June 2014: Rodney Bray took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

School modernisation program for the 2013-14 year and the program for the 2014-15 year and future years.

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

The ACT Government supports ACT public school infrastructure through the allocation of funds in the annual schools Capital Upgrades Program, the annual schools Repairs and Maintenance Program and through specific appropriations in the ACT Budget.

In the 2013-14 year, major modernisation works were completed at the following schools:

1. The rectification and upgrade of Taylor Primary School;
2. The expansion of Duffy Primary School;
3. The expansion and refurbishment of Macgregor Primary School;
4. The expansion and refurbishment of Majura Primary School;
5. Upgrade works at Yarralumla Primary School;
6. Upgrade works at Hughes Primary School;
7. The construction of trade training centre facilities at six Tuggeranong secondary schools and colleges;
8. The construction of a new library and classroom at Malkara School; and
9. The construction of the new Deakin Preschool.

Modernisation works undertaken at other schools include:

1. Alfred Deakin High School – carpet and paint;
2. Amaroo School – transportable classrooms;
3. Arawang Primary School – carpet and paint;
4. Calwell High School – school frontage, student toilets, virtual learning environment and carpet and paint;
5. Canberra College – new lift, artificial play area and access works;
6. Canberra High School – roof re-sheeting;
7. Chapman Primary School – roof replacement, student toilets, ceiling replacement, lighting upgrade and classroom refurbishment;
8. Curtin Primary School – car park extension (including works at South Curtin preschool);
9. Erindale College – solar hot water;
10. Farrer Primary school – natural grass oval;
11. Forrest Primary School – staffroom and student toilets;
12. Fraser Primary School – security fence;

13. Gold Creek School – change room and toilet upgrades;
14. Gordon Primary School – carpet and paint;
15. Hawker Primary School – natural grass oval;
16. Lanyon High School – virtual learning environment;
17. Macquarie Primary School – staffroom and carpet and paint;
18. Maribyrnong Primary School – security fence;
19. Melba Copland Secondary school (junior campus) – virtual learning environment;
20. Melrose High School – dirt bike track
21. Miles Franklin Primary School – transportable classroom;
22. Mt Rogers Primary School – security fence and classroom refurbishments;
23. Mt Stromlo High School – science classroom and student toilets;
24. Ngunnawal Primary School – preschool transportable classroom;
25. Red Hill School – security fence;
26. Richardson Primary School – carpet and paint;
27. Southern Cross Early Childhood School – overflow carpark and learn to ride facility;
28. The Woden School – student toilets and external digital sign;
29. Torrens Primary School – preschool upgrades and extension (Pearce);
30. Turner Primary School – classroom upgrades (including preschool upgrade);
31. Wanniasa School (senior) – security fence; and
32. Weetangera Primary School – carpark extension.

The Education and Training Directorate has also undertaken environmental sustainability works at ACT public schools, including the completion of the roll out of solar panels, the roll out of pulse (smart) meters, the installation of water refill stations at 19 schools and the upgrade of lighting to more energy efficient lighting. In addition, Dickson College, Lyneham High School and Lyneham Primary school were connected to the North Canberra urban waterway system.

The Directorate also completed modernisation work on information communication and technology infrastructure at ACT public schools, including the installation of VOIP telephone networks, interactive whiteboards, high definition video conferencing, audio visual equipment and hearing loops in school assembly halls.

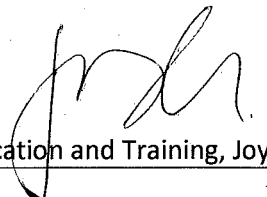
The 2014-15 capital upgrades program (CUP) is attached. This includes major works at Curtin Primary School. In addition to the CUP, the following works will also be undertaken during the 2014-15 year:

1. Construction of the new Canberra College Cares (CCCare) facility at the Woden campus of Canberra College;
2. Extension and upgrade of the Latham preschool;
3. Stage 1 works at Belconnen High School;
4. The construction of trades skills centre facilities at eight Belconnen secondary schools and colleges; and
5. Construction of the new Tuggeranong Introductory English Centre at Wanniasa Hills Primary School.

With regard to future years (i.e. beyond 2014-15), these programs are developed prior to the commencement of those years based on changing demographics, enrolment forecasts and pressures, and work, health and safety priorities. The Directorate also conducts condition assessment audits of schools which are also used to inform future years CUP programs.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

Signature:



Date:

3.7.14

By the Minister for Education and Training, Joy Burch

**ETD**  
**2014-15 Breakdown of Capital Upgrade Funding**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Base Allocation \$'000</b>
<b>Older School Upgrades</b>		1,200
Curtin Primary School	Program includes works to administration area classrooms, canteen and school entry	
<b>School Infrastructure Improvements</b>		7,050
Specialist Teaching Areas and Classroom Upgrades	Upgrades to specialist teaching areas, classroom upgrades and technology improvements - various schools (includes telephone system upgrades)	
School Front Entry, Administration Upgrades, Frontages and Signages	Various schools	
Transportable Classroom Program	Relocation and refurbishment of existing transportable buildings.	
Toilet Upgrade Program	Program to improve toilet facilities	
Playground Upgrades, including minor landscape improvements	Various works to address compliance and safety issues in school playgrounds.	
Roof Upgrade Program	Various schools	
<b>Building Compliance Upgrades</b>		1,780
Disability access works	Access compliance works (including lift works)	
Canteen Upgrades	Canteen works to bring facilities to current codes and hygiene standards	
<b>School Security Improvements</b>		856
Security Fence Program	Fencing - various schools	
Electronic Security System Program	Security sensors - various schools.	
<b>School Safety Improvements</b>		1,870
Car Parks Improvements	Extensions and safety improvements to existing carparks - various schools	
Hazardous Materials Removal	Removal of hazardous materials and underground storage tanks	
<b>Environmentally Sustainable Design Initiatives</b>		1,112
Solar Panel Program	Solar panel installations - various schools.	
Water Refill Stations	Water refill station installation at 60 school sites.	
Power Factor Correction Program	Program to reduce energy consumption at high use sites.	
<b>Childcare Facilities</b>		436
Roof Upgrade Program	Noah's Ark and Ngunnawal Centres	
Stormwater Upgrades	Noah's Ark and Isabella Plains Centres	
Playground Upgrades	Various sites	
Minor Facilities Improvements	Various sites	
<b>Total of all Categories</b>		<b>13,868</b>
<b>Allocation for 2014-15</b>		<b>14,304</b>