



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

Addressed to: Ms Vanessa Attridge, Executive Group Manager, Finance and Infrastructure

In relation to: Majura Primary School

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Ms Attridge took on notice the following question(s):

MR RATTENBURY: No, that is quite right. And whether it is today or you come back on notice. I am keen to understand what the projected numbers are for Majura? You said you are sort of doing something and working on that, but it would be useful to know what the current estimate is, or whether you are able to answer that now.

Ms Berry: That is the work that we have been doing or that the directorate has been doing since I announced the pause following the conversation with the Majura school community. So I do not know if we have got that based on the enrolment numbers that have come, we are still working on, this year, but I cannot give you the number. I do not know if you can, Ms Attridge?

Ms Attridge: I am sorry, I do not have them with me today.

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

Projections provided are based on 2024 school census data and the most recent population projections released by the ACT Government.

Notes and caveats:

- The number of children enrolled in Majura Primary School at the February 2025 census was 778 children. This number is inclusive of 86 preschool children which are not included in enrolment projections.
- There are a number of important caveats which apply to these enrolment projections and this information should only be considered within this context:
 - o Enrolment projections are inherently subject to external influences and fluctuations.
 - o Enrolment projections should not be regarded as a single source of truth or in isolation of other data and information. While projections are a useful input to

identifying where enrolment demand may be expected in the future, they are only one input into policy and school capacity and planning considerations.

- They provide a point in time reference and do not necessarily include future potential enrolment policy changes, investments and planning responses including delivery of new capacity to manage demand.
- Projections are based on historical trends and are revised annually.

Enrolment Projections:

- 2026 - 701 students
- 2027 - 709 students
- 2028 - 697 students
- 2029 – 706 students
- 2030 – 715 students

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Signature:

By the Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Ms Yvette Berry MLA

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