



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Education and Early Childhood

In relation to: Scope of the Second College in Gungahlin (Nicholls)

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MR HANSON: Great. Could you give us an update on Nicholls, please? What is being delivered? When it is being delivered? And how it is tracking?

Ms Bell: So we are working through the design phases. We have a delivery partner engaged for that project.

MR HANSON: Right.

Ms Bell: And they have just submitted the DA application through for the completeness check. So we will move into a phase of consultation with us negotiating with planning around the timing of that, to make sure that we give the community the best chance of providing us feedback over the December January period. But we are —with that DA application being submitted, we are on track for that to be completed for Day 1, Term 1, in 2028.

MR HANSON: Right. And what is anticipated to be delivered?

Ms Bell: I have got a note here that talks about the capacity. So we have got the initial capacity for 800 students, for room to expand to 1,100 students.

MR HANSON: Yes. Right. Ms Bell: But I would have to take on notice the specific scope of the project, in terms of the types of teaching spaces that we are providing there.

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

The scope of works for the Second College in Gungahlin (Nicholls) is as follows –

- Three General Learning Settings (GLS) delivering contemporary learning environments
- Specialised Learning Areas, including science, art, woodwork (VET certification) and hospitality (VET certification)
- Student commons and learning resource centre (Library)
- Student and staff amenities
- Administration, leadership, staff workspaces and staff centre
- Performing arts theatre, including drama and music learning areas
- Double gymnasium

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- Sports field and hardcourts, including associated landscaping
- Bike storage and car parking
- Environmentally sustainable design and construction, with fully electric design.

The new college facility has been designed to accommodate up to 800 students.

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Signature:

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Date:

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