



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Canberra Institute of Technology

In relation to: Cost of delivering remedial massage program

Hearing: 23 July 2026

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Answer Due: 6 August 2026

Mr Rogers took on notice the following question(s):

MR EMERSON: And could you provide a notice of the cost of delivering that [massage] program and kind of itemise, like a breakdown, of where those costs come from and like, what the starting position is for that?

Mr Rogers: Absolutely. Cannot do it today, but we will take it on notice.

MR EMERSON: Take it on notice, great, thank you.

Mr Rogers: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The latest full-year estimate of costs directly related to delivering the Diploma of Remedial Massage was \$925,000 in 2024.

Like all nationally recognised qualifications, the Diploma involves more than classroom teaching. Its delivery requires course planning, timetabling, student administration, assessment, quality assurance, regulatory compliance, facilities management and record-keeping. CIT must also operate the Massage Clinic, where students undertake supervised practical training.

These are normal and necessary course-delivery functions typical across Australian education providers. They directly support teaching, student learning and the integrity of the qualification.

The estimated costs comprised:

- \$444,000 for educator salaries;

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- \$465,000 for staff supporting course delivery, including operating, administering and managing the CIT Massage Clinic; and
- \$16,000 for course and clinic materials.

The cost model uses the following drivers to allocate department expenses to programs within the department:

- Educator costs are based on the percentages of Educator faculty load entered against each program within any given department.
- Departmental non educator costs are allocated based on the above percentage also on the assumption that the programs with a high teaching load incur a similar level of departmental administrative cost.
- For the Wellbeing department, there are 3 commercial operations supporting their programs including Fitness, Massage and Allied Health. The cost of these commercial operations is allocated against the programs to which they support resulting in a high non-teaching cost.
- The current cost model has not yet matured to include broader allocations of CIT overheads beyond the cost incurred directly in the Colleges so these are not yet included ie. the costs identified below are costs that have been approved and are within the management responsibility of that Department only.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates

Signature:



By the CIT Board Chair, Mr Tom Rogers

Date: 05/08/2026