

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 721

MR PETER CAIN MLA: To ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood

1. Do any Belconnen high schools have security staff or security contractors; if so, please provide details by
 - (i) school,
 - (ii) nature of the relationship (staff or contractor) and
 - (iii) budgeted cost for the financial year 2025-2026.
2. What incident reporting do security staff referred to in part (1) do.
3. Are security incident reports escalated beyond the school to the Directorate.
4. How many of the reports referred to in part (3) have there been for Belconnen high schools in 2025.
5. Have there been any incidences in Belconnen high schools where police were required to attend the school in 2025 in response to a security or safety issue.

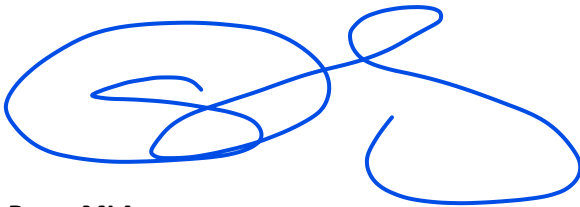
YVETTE BERRY MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Yes.
 - i. Security contractors provide security services for all ACT public schools.
 - ii. Security guard services and security monitoring services are provided through contract arrangements managed by the Education Support Office (ESO).
 - iii. The annual budgeted cost for security and monitoring services in 2025-26 is \$1.2m.
2. Security incident reporting includes:
 - For security guard services, reporting identifies alarm responses; additional security guard patrols; casual static guard patrols; targeted security guard patrols; summary of incidents; time of arrival and departure by security officer; details of any breach of security detected; open windows, unsecured doors, security lighting not working, any unusual activities, visitors and staff located at the ACT Public Schools, and status/action taken by the Security Officer.

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- For security monitoring, reporting identifies school names, date and time of response, average response time and actions to secure the site
3. The security contractor provides daily reporting to the ESO. Schools also notify ESO of security incidents.
 4. In 2025 there have been seven notifications from the security contractor relating to Belconnen high schools, and eight notifications of security incidents by Belconnen high schools to ESO.
 5. In 2025, Belconnen High Schools have notified ESO of twelve occasions where ACT Policing have attended Belconnen high schools in response to a security or safety issue.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for Education and Early Childhood

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