

**Yvette Berry MLA**

Deputy Chief Minister

Minister for Education and Early Childhood

Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

Minister for Sport and Recreation

Member for Ginninderra

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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Questions on Notice Paper No 1**

**Friday, 6 December 2024**

**Question No. 68**

**MS CLAY MLA:** To ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood

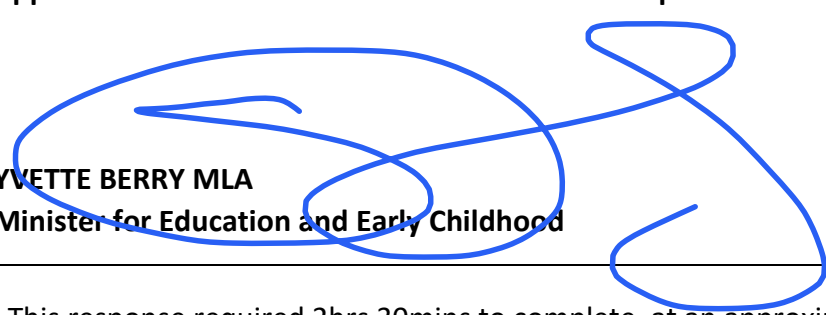
Can the Minister provide an update on the timed locked gates at Aranda primary school, including (a) whether these are working, (b) what times they are locked, (c) whether there is onsite signage about this, (d) whether there have been any negative or positive consequences of this change and (e) what consultation has been done with the school and with the community about this arrangement.

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

- a) Yes, gates are in working order. However, to improve ease of use, modifications to two (2) of the three (3) gates is scheduled for completion during the Summer School Holidays. These works will be carried out one gate at a time to minimise impact to community access, with each gate expected to take two days to modify.
- b) The gates are open
  - a. weekends and public holidays from 8:00am – 5:30pm (until 8:30pm in summer)\*
  - b. Weekdays and school holidays from 6:00pm – 8:30pm (summer only)\*
  - c. these access times may change occasionally to meet operational needs of the school.
- c) Yes, there is signage on display. The signage states that public access is from 6:00pm until 8:30pm (summer only). Access times may change occasionally to meet operational needs of the school.
- d) The locked gates have provided a safer environment for staff and students, although elements of the community have expressed that they are unhappy with reduced access.



- e) There has been extensive communication with both the school and community over the past 12 months. The school is planning to send out further communications via the school newsletter to ensure access arrangements are understood by the school community.

<b>Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.</b>	
 <b>YVETTE BERRY MLA</b> <b>Minister for Education and Early Childhood</b>	<b>Date:</b> 17/01/25 .....
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