



ACT Government

2003-2004 BUDGET

CURRICULUM RENEWAL FOR ACT GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

The Stanhope Government has allocated \$2.291 million over the next four years to revamping curriculum development capacity in ACT government schools.

An integrated curriculum renewal program for all government schools from preschool up to year 10 will be introduced. A review of current provisions for curriculum development and revised curriculum frameworks will be the result.

“This proposal will directly increase the level of curriculum expertise within the department and in ACT Government schools to develop relevant, innovative and inclusive curriculum materials” said Ms Katy Gallagher, Minister for Education.

“It is particularly important in high school to engage students in exciting and interesting learning.”

The curriculum review and development phases will be undertaken within the context of recent and innovative international and national directions in curriculum. Included in this initiative will be professional development for teachers to support their development of school-based curriculum and consequently student achievement.

The Curriculum Renewal Project will increase the curriculum expertise provided to schools through the recruitment of curriculum officers and provide a quality assurance structure for schools.

“The additional funding is based on advice to me from the Government School Education Council, who recommended a comprehensive review and renewal process to support school-based curriculum development. It is also an important recommendation of the Connors’ Inquiry into education funding,” Ms Gallagher concluded.
Statement ends.

Media Release



Released: 6 May 2003

Inquiries: Angie Drake 0408 092 016 or 6205 0139