

Freedom of Information Request - Schedule

SUBJECT: CONTAMINATED SAND COMMUNICATIONS/ADVICE

DATE OF REQUEST: 24/11/2025

FILE REFERENCE: FILE2025/39984

SCOPE: *Records held by the ACT Education, Health and CMTEED Directorates relating to asbestos contamination identified in imported coloured sand products since 1 November 2025, specifically:*

1. *Any communications between the Education Minister or Education Directorate, the Health Minister or Health Directorate, and/or the ACT Chief Minister.*
2. *Any health or emergency management advice received by the Minister for Education, Minister for Health or Chief Minister*

Record Number	Description	Record Date	Decision (Full release, Partial release, Non-release)	Reason for Decision
1	Email – V Attridge to R Hobbs and others - FW: SAFETY ALERT: Asbestos contamination confirmed in coloured sand product Attachments: A. CECA Alert Safety Alert - Contaminated Sand November 2025 B. FW FOR AWARENESS Independent Schools Safety Alert Asbestos contaminated confirmed in coloured sand product	20251113 1134	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)
2	Email – Berry to self - FW: Full and partial closures of public schools TODAY	20251114 0739	Full release	Outside of scope
3	Email – MS Teams Meeting Invitation - R Hobbs OBO Y Berry to T Phillips and others - BRIEFING: EDU	20251114 1414	Full release	

4	Email – R Hobbs to EducationDLO and others - Fw: Contact regarding alternative care options during school closures	20251114 1447	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)
5	Email – S Meeth to R Hobbs & Other - FW: CECA Alert: Additional WorkSafe ACT advice: Asbestos contamination confirmed in coloured sand product	20251114 1651	Full release	
6	Email – K Laurent to Berry and others - FW: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Customer Service - MO REQUESTED CAVEAT BRIEF : contaminated sand products Attachments: A. Minister Brief Hazardous Materials Response Contaminated Sand (ACM)- Update 1 B. Attachment B Asbestos Regulation Comparison Table	20251115 1503	Full release	The signed copy is of the brief is at Record 26
7	Email – Berry to Barr and others - Additional public school closures tomorrow	20251116 1814	Full release	
8	Email – A Whitty to K Laurent and others - RE: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: GOVERNMENT & STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS - Customer Service – MO REQUESTED CAVEAT BRIEF : contaminated sand products	20251117 0747	Full release	Attachments referred to in email trail are available at Record 6
9	Email – Berry to Barr and others - RE: Additional public school closures tomorrow	20251117 1710	Full release	

10	Caveat Brief – EGM System Policy and Reform to Minister for Education and Early Childhood - Contaminated Sand: Non-government and ECEC Update – 14 November 2025	20251118	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)
11	Caveat Brief – DirectorGeneral to Minister for Education - Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM – Update 2 – 16 November 2025	20251118	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)
12	Email – R Hobbs to EducationDLO - Re: FOR ACTION: Contact Wesfarmers/Officeworks	20251118 1703	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)
13	Caveat Brief – EBM Edu and Care Regulation Support to Minister for Education & Other – ECEC – Notifications regarding recalled sand product – 17 November 2025	20251119	Full release	
14	Caveat Brief – ExecBranchManager to Minister for Education - Executive Branch Manager, Education and Care Regulation and Support – 19 November 2025	20251119	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)
15	Caveat Brief – DirectorGeneral to Minister for Education - Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM – Update 3 – 17 November 2025	20251119	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)
16	Caveat Brief – DirectorGeneral to Minister for Education - Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM) – Update 5 – 19 November 2025	20251119	Full release	
17	Email – T Phillips to EDUMedia and others - FW: Questions, Sand, Malkara and testing	20251119 1249	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii) and outside of scope
18	Email – P Short to R Hobbs and others - RE: Questions, Sand, Malkara and testing	20251119 1417	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii) and outside of scope

19	Email – P Short to T Phillips and others - Dotties for 3pm stand up	20251119 1435	Full release	Outside of scope
20	Email – T Phillips to R Hobbs & Other - FW: Questions, Sand, Malkara and testing	20251119 1437	Full release	Outside of scope
21	Email – P Short to T Phillips and others - FYI: Parent message - safety procedures Attachment: Parent comms - sand safety procedures	20251119 1546	Full release	
22	Email – A Whitty to EDUDLO - FW: MIN Statement – Sand	20251119 1654	Full release	Outside of scope
23	Caveat Brief – DirectorGeneral to Minister for Education - Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM) – Update 6 – 20 November 2025	20251120	Full release	
24	Caveat Brief – DirectorGeneral to Minister for Education - ECEC – Notifications regarding recalled sand product	20251120	Full release	
25	Caveat Brief – DirectorGeneral to Minister for Education - Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM) – Update 7 – 21 November 2025	20251121	Full release	
26	Ministerial Brief – Incident Controller to Minister for Education - Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM) – Update 1 – 15 November 2025	20251124	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)
27	Caveat Brief – DirectorGeneral to Minister for Education - Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM) – Update 4 – 18 November	20251124	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)

28	Caveat Brief – EBM Edu and Care Regulation Support to Minister for Education & Other – ECEC – Notifications regarding recalled sand product – 18 November 2025	20251124	Partial release	Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii)
29	<p>Email – P Short to T Phillips and others - Today's web and social updates - sand remediation</p> <p>Attachments: A. Website copy for updating for Mon 24 Nov 2025 B. Social media post Mon 24 Nov</p>	20251124 1228	Full release	