

Freedom of Information Request - Schedule

SUBJECT: DECISION TO CLOSE ACT SCHOOLS (CONTAMINATED SAND)

DATE OF REQUEST: 17/12/2025 FILE REFERENCE: FILE2025/41491

SCOPE: *Copies of briefs and correspondence between the Education Directorate and relevant Ministers (Education, Health and/or Chief Minister) in relation to the decision to close ACT public schools because of asbestos contaminated sand from 1 November 2025 to 17 December 2025.*

| Record Number | Description | Record Date | Decision (Full release, Partial release, Non-release) | Reason for Decision |
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| 1 | Document - Minister Talking Points_draft for input | 20251113 2327 | Full release | |
| 2 | Email – V Attridge to R Hobbs & 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 2334 | Partial release | Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii) |
| 3 | Email – R Hobbs to V Attridge & Others – RE: SAFETY ALERT: Asbestos contamination confirmed in coloured sand product | 20251114 1206 | Full release | |

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| 4 | 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 | |
| 5 | Email - C Pilicic OBO DDGEDUoffice to EDU, Ministerial Liaison Officer - FOR PROGRESSION TO MO: Minister Brief - Contaminated Sand - Update 3 Attachment: Minister Brief - Contaminated Sand - Update 3 | 20251118 1109 | Full release | |
| 6 | Email – Z McMahon to V Attridge - For Information SIGNED_Minister Brief Hazardous Materials Response Contaminated Sand (ACM)- Update 1 Attachments: A. Ministerial Brief - Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM) – Update 1 A1. Attachment A - WHS Act Regulations: Key Regulation Excerpts A2. Attachment B - Asbestos Regulation Comparison table | 20251119 1024 | Partial release | Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii) |

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| 7 | <p>Email – P Steele to M Huxley & Others - FOR CLEARANCE: Minister Brief- Contaminated Sand - Update 5 and 6</p> <p>Attachments: A. Caveat Brief - Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM) – Update 5 B. Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM) – Update 6</p> | 20251120 1109 | Full release | |
| 8 | <p>Email – A Spence to Director-General & Others - RE: FOR CLEARANCE: Caveat Brief - Updates 6 and 7</p> <p>Attachments: A. Minister Brief - Contaminated Sand - Update 6 B. Minister Brief - Contaminated Sand - Update 7</p> | 20251123 0808 | Full release | |
| 9 | <p>Email – DLO to EGMFIG & Other - FW: CC Berry - Signed - Pettersson - WorkSafe Brief - Notifications re: contaminated sand</p> <p>Attachments: A. O. Signed - WorkSafe Brief - Asbestos Contamination B. Att A - Timeline of events C. Att B - Safety alerts</p> | 20251124 1451 | Partial release | Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii) |

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| 10 | Caveat Brief – K Laurent to Minister for Education - Commencement of Recovery Phase following Hazardous Materials Response – Contaminated Sand (ACM) | 20251125 | Partial release | Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii) |
| 11 | Caveat Brief – EGM Finance & Infrastructure to Minister for Education - Impacts of School Closures on OSHC Providers | 20251125 | Partial release | Schedule 2, 2.2(a)(ii) and Schedule 2,2.2(a)(xi) |
| 12 | Email - P Short to K Laurent and P Steele - FOR REVIEW TODAY: SUB25/40234: New MIN Statement - Sand Attachment: Ministerial Statement - Sand | 20251126 1210 | Full release | |
| 13 | Email - M Huxley to K Laurent - RE: FOR ACTION: SUB25/4603: Question Time Briefs for Assembly Sitting Period - Sitting Week 2-4 December 2025 (IMT) | 20251201 1248 | Full release | |
| 14 | Email – V Attridge to EGMFIG & Others - FW: FOR APPROVAL: Sand Management DG & MIN Briefs Attachment: Ministerial Brief – EGM Finance & Infrastructure to Minister for Education - Presence of Contaminated Sand and Ongoing Risk Management – 5 December 2025 Update | 20251209 1212 | Full release | |