

Meeting Date:	2 September 2014	Approved brief due:	22 August 2014
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Agenda Item:	Nominated by: AEU		
Item 6	Update on HAAS		
Description:	<p><i>Description of the key points to be addressed.</i></p> <p>Health Access at School (HAAS) initiative run by ACT Health will eventually lead to the removal of nursing staff. What does this mean for our School Assistants who will be providing this care to students? What allowances/pay will they be entitled to? Who is monitoring the medical training of School Assistants and following up to ensure that School Assistants are confident and have access to counselling and/or debriefing from medical staff.</p>		
Brief:	<p><i>Dot points addressing key points and other issues of relevance.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT Health will continue to employ nurses in the ACT. • Healthcare Access at School (HAAS) is a collaboration between the ACT Education and Training Directorate and ACT Health to meet the healthcare needs of students while they attend school. • The model is based on successful interstate and overseas models of healthcare delivery in schools. • HAAS is a model of nurse-led, delegated care that utilises the strength of relationships and skills of school staff to meet the routine healthcare needs of students to enable them to attend school when they otherwise may not have been able to attend. • HAAS meets demonstrated student need. Procedures typically undertaken under the HAAS model do not require a nurse. • Nurses, employed by ACT Health, lead the day-to-day operation of HAAS. ACT Health nurses train volunteer school staff to undertake the "HAAS worker" role in a school, and provide ongoing support and advice for both schools and families. • HAAS training is specific to individual students in schools. A level of competency has to be reached before a school staff member can participate in HAAS. • Ongoing support and training is provided to school staff by the HAAS nurses. • If a member of the school staff does not wish to participate in HAAS, they will not be compelled to participate. • The provision of this type of healthcare is part of the LSA job description: "Specialised medical requirements". See attached. • LSAs who volunteer to participate in HAAS report that they find the work rewarding and the training valuable. • HAAS is overseen by health professionals and is for routine procedures that are often undertaken by non-licensed workers (people who are not registered nurses) at family homes. • HAAS operates alongside First Aid policies in schools. • All ACT Government employees have free access to Davidson Trahaire. 		