



# Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

**Inquiry:** Inquiry into Local Government funding and services

**Hearing Date:** 7 August 2024

**Question[s] taken on notice**

**Directed to:** Warrnambool City Council

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1. **Gaelle BROAD, page 57**

**Question asked:**

**Gaelle BROAD:** The Labor government often talks about free kinder programs, but I am just interested: what is the cost to your councils to help deliver that?

**Andrew MASON:** I would have to take that question on notice.

**Response:**

Although the service delivery of “free kindergarten” is funded, the rollout of 3 year old kindergarten has meant that Council had to modify kindergartens to accommodate the needs of younger children.

Nappy changing facilities were needed at most sites, and each site needed to be assessed by staff from our early years and infrastructure departments. The cost of new change tables, privacy screens and modification to bathrooms was \$210,000.