

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

School Attendance for Children in Care

1. What are the school enrolment and attendance rates of children in the care of Territory Families for the 2021/22 financial year?
2. Please provide a breakdown of the school enrolment rates by category of care by kinship care, foster care and out of home care?

ANSWER:

The table below is based on children in out of home care in the school age cohort 5 – 17 years as at 30 June 2022 and educational school term 2 data.

595 children were enrolled 645 times (as a child can be enrolled in more than one school at the time or may have changed school in term 2). The average attendance rate was 70.51 per cent for children in care.

Placement Category	Children in Care at 30/06/2022	Enrolment at Term 2 2022	Average Attendance rate
Foster Care	128	132	80.44%
Kinship Care	112	130	58.28%
OOHC other placements	355	383	73.80%
Total	595	645	70.51%