

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 19/06/2018

Subject: Number of bullied students

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To: Minister for Education, the Hon Eva Lawler MLA

Agency: Department of Education

Number: 8.8

Question: For the 2017 year and term one 2018, could you please provide the number of students across the Territory who have reported as being bullied, broken down into primary, middle and senior school?

Answer:

During the Minister for Education's appearance at the 2018 Estimates Committee hearing on Tuesday 19 June 2018, the department provided data current as 31 of March 2018 (Week 9, Term 1, 2018).

The table below provides updated data for Northern Territory Government schools for the whole of Term 1, 2018 disaggregated by stage of schooling.

	Behaviour Type	2017		2018 Term 1	
		Number of Incidents	Number of Individual Students	Number of Incidents	Number of Individual Students
Primary	Bullying	399	322	81	69
Middle	Bullying	449	310	117	90
Senior	Bullying	34	29	17	12

- The number of individual students for 2017 in the table above will not total the numbers of students provided by the department for each term in 2017 as individual students may have been involved in a bullying incident in multiple terms.
- The department is unable to report the number of students who report being bullied; however, is able to report the number of individual incidents of bullying and the number of students involved in a bullying incident for bullying in Northern Territory Government schools.
- Data in this report has been sourced from the NT Department of Education's behaviour dataset. The data is subject to change and should be considered indicative only.
- Data has been provided on the basis that it is to be used for this specific request and is not for further distribution or publication. Data is current as at 3 July 2018.
- "Number of Individual Students" is the total number of students (distinct count) within the reporting period. A student can be involved in more than one incident. Incidents may not have resulted in suspension.
- "Number of Incidents" is the total number of incidents within the time period.