

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Giles to Minister for Education.

School Enrolments and Attendance

1. Please provide a list of every school in the Northern Territory, the location of those schools, the number of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students enrolled at those schools and quarterly attendance rates at these schools for the 2010/11 Financial Year.
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Please find attached an Excel spreadsheet that details schools across the Territory and the number of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students enrolled at those schools.

For Government Schools the location is determined in terms of the Department of Education and Training Administrative Regions.

Please note, the data is for Term 2, 3 and 4 2010 and for Term 1 2011. At this point in time, data for Term 2 2011, has not been released and has not been included.

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Data on the number of children in the Northern Territory is collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics through the Census. The last Census from which data is available was conducted in 2006.

Comparison of 2006 population data for school age children with 2011 school enrolment data is not a valid means by which to determine how many school age children are currently in the Northern Territory but not enrolled in a school.

The latest ABS estimate of the number of school aged children 6-15 years on 7 August 2009 was 34 367.

The Department of Education and Training believes the number of children who attended a government or non-government school at some point during 2009 is 33 541. Therefore the difference between the ABS estimate and DET's estimate is 826 children who were not enrolled in a Northern Territory government or non-government school during 2009.

This figure does not include those children who are educated via home schooling or studying interstate; the current best estimate for NT students studying interstate is approximately 200. Efforts to have Commonwealth agencies share that information with DET have been unsuccessful, therefore we have been unable to accurately quantify this figure. As a result the figure of 826 students is likely to be even less.

Information on student enrolments in the Northern Territory was also provided to the Leader of the Opposition on 11 February 2011 in response to Written Question 186.