

# ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

## Question Taken on Notice

**Date:** 19/06/2018

**Subject:** Student suspensions or expulsions for substance abuse

**From:** Member for Spillett, Lia Finocchiaro MLA

**To:** Minister for Education, the Hon Eva Lawler MLA

**Agency:** Department of Education

**Number:** 8.9

**Question:** For the school year 2017 and Term 1 2018, could you please provide the breakdown for primary, middle and senior students who were suspended or expelled for substance abuse or misuse.

**Answer:**

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

No students have been expelled from a Northern Territory Government School during this period.

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

Primary Behaviour Type		2017		2018 Term 1	
		Number of Incidents	Number of Individual Students	Number of Incidents	Number of Individual Students
Substance use/possession	Primary	7	7	Nil	Nil
Substance use/possession	Middle	118	88	14	11
Substance use/possession	Senior	69	54	12	10
TOTAL		194	149	26	21

- To note, the number of individual students for 2017 in the table above will not total to the numbers of students provided by the department for each term in 2017 as individual students may have been reported for substance use or possession in multiple terms.
- 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.
- "Number of Individual Students" is the total number of students suspended within the time period. A student can be suspended more than once.
- 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 Incidents" is the total number of suspensions within the time period.