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From:Ms Natasha Fyles to Hon Peter Chandler
Department of Education

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Answer:

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From: Member for Nightcliff, Ms Natasha Fyles MLA

To: Minister for Education, the Hon Peter Chandler MLA

Agency: Department of Education

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Answer:

Table 1: Average class enrolment and number of classes and subject offerings by year for Northern Territory middle schools

	Average Class Enrolment	Number of Classes and subjects offered
2012	20	1143
2013	20	1150
2014*	22	1116

**Semester 2 data has been incorporated where available. 2014 data is not comparable with previous years until Semester 2 timetables are finalised. The data has been sourced from the Student Administration Management System (SAMS).*

- The summary data above includes the number of classes and subject offerings for the following Territory government middle schools – Darwin Middle School, Dripstone Middle School, Nightcliff Middle School, Sanderson Middle School and Rosebery Middle School.
- Comprehensive secondary schools (Years 7 – 12) and Centralian Middle School have been excluded from the summary data above.
- Centralian Middle School has been excluded from the summary data as the school utilises an alternative timetabling program which does not allow for data to be extracted systematically prior to 2014 which means no timetabling data is available for the 2012 and 2013 school years.
- All core Australian Curriculum subjects (Mathematics, English, Science, Humanities) are offered at all middle schools in a range of ways. Some middle schools timetable core subjects discretely while others integrate core subjects, for example Maths with Science and English with Humanities in mixed classes.

- Middle schools also offer a range of elective subjects which align to the Australian Curriculum. These offerings differ by school but could include Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), Health and Physical Education, Languages and the Arts (Music, Visual Arts and Drama).
- The Average Class Enrolment figures are an average of the total number of enrolments in each class over the duration of the full year across all Northern Territory middle schools (excluding Centralian Middle School). The total number of enrolments used to calculate the average is not representative of actual class size as it has not been adjusted to reflect student mobility.