



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Education and Training, Hon Jo-Anne Hersey MLA:

Education Funding Agreements

1. Other than material already published, what outcomes has the Department committed to achieving under the Better and Fairer Schools Agreement by 2029?
 - a. What are the current baseline figures?
 - b. What improvement is expected in literacy, numeracy, attendance and Year 12 attainment?
 - c. How is progress being measured?
2. Has the Commonwealth raised concerns about the Territory's performance against any targets or reform commitments?
 - a. Has the Territory sought any exemptions, extensions or variations to its reporting obligations?
3. Has the gap in educational outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students narrowed, widened or remained unchanged over the five years to 2025–26?
 - a. What is the Government's target for closing that gap, and when does it expect the gap to be closed?
 - b. Please provide the measured gap for each of literacy, numeracy, attendance and Year 12 attainment in each of the five years, and state in which dataset those figures are held.
4. Given education is a key social determinant of health, does the Department model the downstream effects of education underfunding on the health and wellbeing of Territorians five, ten or more years into the future?
5. What is the total funding for school operations across the Territory public school system, and across how many schools is it spread?