

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Education:

2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy

The 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy released in October 2021 is a 10 year plan that aims to address very poor school attendance in most remote Aboriginal communities throughout the Northern Territory.

However, the strategy does not include any timeframes or milestones for achieving outcomes and delivery reform on how education is provided in the Northern Territory.

1. Please provide time frames for the rollout, implementation and achievement of the goals and outcomes of the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy.
2. What is the primary strategy the Northern Territory Education Department will use to address the very poor school attendance in most remote Aboriginal communities throughout the Northern Territory?
3. The consultation for the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy included minimal consultation in Central Australia.

Will the Education Department be doing further consultation to inform the implementation of the strategy?

4. How is the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy different to any other previous or existing education strategies in the Northern Territory?
5. What additional funding will be allocated to implement the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy?
6. When will the implementation of the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy commence?
7. Why is the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy a 10 year plan, when there is no other timeframe mentioned in the whole document?

8. Why will reform of the Northern Territory Education Department take 10 years?
9. How will the Northern Territory Department of Education be different in 10 years? What is the vision?
10. Was the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy opened up for public consultation?
11. What is the first priority of the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy?
12. What is broken within the Northern Territory Department of Education that has overseen a decline in school attendance across the Northern Territory over the past 5 years, despite an increase in funding?
13. Has there been any independent input or independent consultation in forming the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy and the state of the Northern Territory Department of Education?
14. Who exactly wrote the 2022-2032 Education Engagement Strategy?
15. How many Executive Officers are employed in the Northern Territory Department of Education as of 1st January 2022?

Please provide details of the number of Executive Officers at each level and where those Executive Officers are located within the Northern Territory.
16. What is the total number of students enrolled in Northern Territory public schools in 2021?
17. How many students had an 80% or more attendance rate?
18. How many Northern Territory children were disengaged from the Northern Territory Education system by attending school less than 70% of the time, at of the conclusion of the 2021 school year?
19. How often does the Northern Territory Department of Education collate data on school attendance for the Northern Territory?
20. Is this data publicly available at those intervals?
21. How can people find this data?