

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Moss to the Minister for Education:

### School Based Counsellors

1. How many school based counsellors were there as at 30 September 2015, by region?
2. What was the ratio of students to school based counsellors as at 30 September 2015, by region?

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This data is inclusive of all school counsellors — as part of a regionalised system, school counsellors are not exclusively school-based. Non-school based counsellors still provide a service directly to students and schools.

School based counsellor summary as at 30 September 2015			
Position group	Region	Number of counsellors	Ratio of counsellors to students
Counsellor	Alice Springs	4	1 : 1009
	Arnhem	4	1 : 958
	Barkly	2	1 : 818
	Darwin	6	1 : 1803
	Katherine**	1**	1 : 3834**
	Palmerston and Rural	7.5	1 : 1106

*\*\* As at 30 September 2015, there was one vacant school counsellor position in the Katherine Region. At 4 November 2015 this position has been filled, and the current ratio of counsellors to students is 1 : 1917*