

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 19/06/2018

Subject: Truancy Officers - location and student engagement

From: Member for Spillet, Lia Finocchiaro MLA

To: Minister for Education, the Hon Eva Lawler MLA

Agency: Department of Education

Number: 8.4

Question: Of the 21 Northern Territory government truancy officer positions, where are they located across the Territory and how many students, within each region the truancy officers are located, have been engaged by the truancy officers.?

Answer:

There are a total of 21 Northern Territory (NT) Government funded positions within the department's Enrolment and Attendance unit, including Attendance and Truancy Officers. There are additional officers operating in regions who are funded through the Commonwealth Government.

The breakdown of NT Government and Commonwealth Government Attendance and Truancy Officer positions are located across the regions as follows:

Location	Funded source	Total by region
Alice Springs	4 x Commonwealth Government funded 2 x NTG funded	6
Gove	4 x Commonwealth Government funded 2 x NTG funded	6
Tennant Creek	2 x Commonwealth Government funded 2 x NTG funded	4
Darwin	3 x NTG funded	3
Katherine	3 x Commonwealth Government funded 2 x NTG funded	5
Palmerston	4 Commonwealth Government funded 2 x NTG funded	6
TOTAL		30

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All Attendance and Truancy Officers utilise powers under the *Education Act* to compel enrolment and attendance at school.

Region	Number of students re-engaged * (between July 1 2017 and 31 March 2018)
Alice Springs	157
Arnhem	93
Barkly	151
Darwin	27
Katherine	188
Palmerston and Rural	249

* Number of Re-engagements - Counts each time a student has re-engaged into an education option following interaction from a Truancy Officer. This interaction includes the issuing of Compliance Notices, Conference Notices, Infringements, Prosecutions, Suspensions and Cancellations.