

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Hersey to the Minister for Education:

Safety in Schools

1. How many bullying incidents have been reported in Northern Territory Government schools in the 2021/22 financial year?

There are 26 complaints recorded in the Department of Education (the department) register that allege bullying in Northern Territory (NT) Government Schools.

Schools resolve conflict and address allegations of bullying at a local level and as such only escalated or unresolved incidents are recorded centrally.

2. How many instances of assault have occurred in Northern Territory schools in the 2021/22 financial year? How many were perpetrated by students on teachers and how many were perpetrated by students on other students?

Schools resolve incidents at a local level and only escalated or serious assault incidents are recorded centrally by the department. There were 197 instances of alleged assault recorded in the department's Work Health Safety incident database (records are limited to NT Government Schools). Of the 197 alleged assaults, 131 were staff with the remaining 66 being reported as students.

The database captures the details of the person that is alleged to have been assaulted and is not separated into further categories. Incidents involving an alleged assault include when a teacher intervenes to break up a fight between students and is then injured as a result.

3. How many incidents have police attended at Northern Territory schools in the 2021/22 financial year?

Police attendance at NT schools is not information held by the department and it is recommended that this be sourced from the NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

4. How many incidents at Northern Territory schools in the 2021/22 financial year have resulted in charges being laid? How many were charges against students?

The number of incidents at NT schools that result in a criminal charge is not information held by the department and it is recommended that this be sourced from the NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services.