

**Question No :** 360

**Question :** Allied Health Services for School Children

**Question Date :** 23/11/93

**Member :** Mrs HICKEY

**To :** MINISTER for EDUCATION and TRAINING

1. Does the Department of Education screen children to identify health and therapy needs; if so, at what stages of a child's development does the screening occur.
2. Are allied health therapists employed by the Department of Education; if so -
  - (a) how many are employed;
  - (b) in which categories are they employed; and
  - (c) in which locations are they employed.
3. Is assistance guaranteed by the Department of Education for children with identified problems such as cerebral palsy and having a need for speech therapy; if so, at what level is this assistance.
4. Do cooperative links exist between the Departments of Education and Health and Community Services in relation to the provision of allied health services to school- aged children; if so, what are the details.
5. Do schools in Darwin receive regular visits from an occupational therapist; if so, what is the frequency of these visits.
6. Do schools outside the Darwin area receive regular visits from an occupational therapist; if so, what is the frequency of these visits.