

STUDENTS — KIMBERLEY REGION

4614. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

I refer to youth disengaged from the education system in the Kimberley, and I ask:

- (a) what is the total number of student enrolments in the Kimberley region for each school year from 2008 to 2015 today;
- (b) will the Minister please specify, across the Kimberley region, how many students are classified as “at educational risk”:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (c) will the Minister please specify, across the Kimberley region, how many students are classified as “at severe educational risk”:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (d) what is the total number of student enrolments, aged 12 or older in the Kimberley region for each school year from 2008 to 2015 today;
- (e) will the Minister please specify, across the Kimberley region, how many students aged 12 or older are classified as “at educational risk”:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (f) will the Minister please specify, across the Kimberley region, how many students aged 12 or older are classified as “at severe educational risk”:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (g) what is the total number of student enrolments across WA for each school year from 2008 to 2015 today;
- (h) will the Minister please specify, how many students are classified as “at educational risk” in WA:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (i) will the Minister please specify how many students are classified as “at severe educational risk” in WA:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (j) what is the total number of student enrolments, aged 12 or older across WA for each school year from 2008 to 2015 today;
- (k) will the Minister please specify, how many students aged 12 or older are classified as “at educational risk” across WA:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (l) will the Minister please specify how many students aged 12 or older are classified as “at severe educational risk” across WA:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (m) what is the total number of student enrolments aged 12 and over at Broome Senior High School for each school year from 2008 to 2015 today;
- (n) will the Minister please specify at Broome Senior High School, how many students aged 12 and over are classified as “at educational risk”:

- (i) at present; and
- (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (o) will the Minister please specify at Broome Senior High, how many students aged 12 or over are classified as “at severe educational risk”:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (p) what is the total number of student enrolments aged 12 and over at St Mary’s College Broome for each school year from 2008 to 2015 today;
- (q) will the Minister please specify, at St. Mary’s College Broome, how many students aged 12 and over are classified as “at educational risk”:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014;
- (r) will the Minister please specify, at St. Mary’s College Broome, how many students aged 12 or over are classified as “at severe educational risk”:
  - (i) at present; and
  - (ii) for each school year from 2008 to 2014; and
- (s) if the Government does not collect this information for St. Mary’s College Broome, can the Minister identify who does?

**Mr J.H.D. Day replied:**

The Department of Education holds *enrolment* data for all schools in Western Australia, but holds student *attendance* data only for public schools.

Enrolment and attendance numbers will always be different. Enrolment is the number enrolled at the time of the student census and includes Kindergarten to Year 12. Attendance is for students enrolled at any time during Semester 1 and includes only the compulsory years of schooling, Pre-primary to Year 12.

In regard to student attendance, the Department of Education does not use an “at education risk” classification. Student attendance is reported by “attendance risk” categories. These categories are unique to Western Australian public schools.

(a)–(o) [See tabled paper 3636.]

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Number of students aged 12 years or older at St Mary’s College (Broome), 2008 to 2015							
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
191	235	209	209	227	196	209	236

Students are as at the annual Semester 2 student census because validated student birthdates are not collected in the annual Semester 1 student census. Age is as at 1 July.

Changes to the school starting age from 2001 created a half cohort, which progressed from Year 6 in 2008 to Year 12 in 2014. Students aged 12 years as at 1 July were across Years 7 and 8 in 2009 and earlier, but were almost exclusively in Year 7 from 2010.

- (q)–(r) There is no data available as the administration of St Mary’s College, Broome, is through the Catholic Education Western Australia.
- (s) Catholic Education Western Australia