

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on Notice

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3142. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Education.

(1) For each of the years 2013 and 2014, and for each school in the South West Education Region, what was the:

(a) total student enrolment;

(b) number of students with 'non-regular attendance at risk - indicated' (80-89 percent attendance) in actual numbers and percentage;

(c) number of students with 'non-regular attendance at risk - moderate' (60-70 percent attendance) in actual numbers and percentage; and

(d) number of students with 'non-regular attendance at risk - severe' (less than 60 percent attendance) in actual numbers and percentage?

(2) What action is being taken to address non-regular attendance at school?

1 a. – d. Please refer to Tabled Paper.

2. Improving student attendance is an ongoing priority for the Department of Education.

The reasons for student absences, and in particular persistent absences, are varied. The manner in which the Department responds is to a large degree based on the individual needs of the student, and the complex and varied causes of absence. In all cases, these responses will involve parents, the community and the student. Responses for persistent absences will often involve working in close collaboration with other key agencies.

Consistent with *Focus 2015*, strategies that schools use include:

- ensuring parents of all students in the 'At risk – Severe' attendance category are offered the opportunity, and supported, to participate in an Attendance Advisory Panel involving family and community; and
- a strong focus on positive engagement as a prevention (and re-engagement) strategy.

When a student's attendance falls below 90% or is identified as a concern, schools implement local strategies that target the unique needs of students. In addition to Attendance Advisory Panels, schools may use a Responsible Parenting Agreements (RPAs) to restore attendance. RPAs document strategies for restoring attendance and are usually developed in collaboration with the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.



Minister for Education

Semester 1, 2013	(a) Enrolments			(b) Indicated		(c) Moderate		(d) Severe	
				80% - <90%		60% - <80%		<60%	
School	Current	Former	Total	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%
Albany Senior High School	925	35	960	216	22.5	92	9.6	36	3.8
Adam Road Primary School	492	28	520	86	16.5	30	5.8	10	1.9
Albany Primary School	483	13	496	87	17.5	24	4.8	1	0.2
Albany Secondary Education Support Centre	36	1	37	11	29.7	8	21.6	5	13.5
Allanson Primary School	109	1	110	14	12.7	6	5.5	0	0
Amaroo Primary School	394	15	409	78	19.1	23	5.6	9	2.2
Augusta Primary School	71	6	77	16	20.8	6	7.8	4	5.2
Australind Primary School	302	13	315	50	15.9	25	7.9	5	1.6
Australind Senior High School	971	25	996	242	24.3	131	13.2	62	6.2
Balingup Primary School	40	3	43	6	14	3	7	0	0
Borden Primary School	22	0	22	5	22.7	0	0	0	0
Boyanup Primary School	110	8	118	20	16.9	10	8.5	0	0
Boyup Brook District High School	152	2	154	41	26.6	3	1.9	2	1.3
Bremer Bay Primary School	36	5	41	11	26.8	3	7.3	2	4.9
Bridgetown High School	135	3	138	40	29	20	14.5	2	1.4
Bridgetown Primary School	362	12	374	73	19.5	27	7.2	0	0
Brunswick Junction Primary School	82	12	94	15	16	6	6.4	7	7.4
Bunbury Primary School	397	23	420	68	16.2	27	6.4	2	0.5
Bunbury Senior High School	751	35	786	195	24.8	54	6.9	45	5.7
Busselton Primary School	276	39	315	65	20.6	24	7.6	3	1
Busselton Senior High School	512	22	534	121	22.7	61	11.4	25	4.7
Cape Naturaliste College	468	13	481	124	25.8	55	11.4	19	4
Capel Primary School	334	11	345	56	16.2	18	5.2	5	1.4
Carey Park Primary School	351	25	376	64	17	24	6.4	9	2.4
Clifton Park Primary School	186	5	191	37	19.4	9	4.7	0	0
College Row School	24	2	26	5	19.2	1	3.8	1	3.8
Collie Senior High School	479	13	492	111	22.6	55	11.2	37	7.5
Cooinda Primary School	360	17	377	66	17.5	17	4.5	8	2.1
Cowaramup Primary School	189	8	197	44	22.3	3	1.5	0	0
Cranbrook Primary School	68	6	74	23	31.1	5	6.8	0	0
Dalyellup College	643	25	668	172	25.7	57	8.5	29	4.3
Dalyellup Primary School	743	27	770	125	16.2	42	5.5	2	0.3
Dardanup Primary School	182	11	193	30	15.5	4	2.1	6	3.1
Denmark Primary School	467	12	479	90	18.8	36	7.5	2	0.4
Denmark Senior High School	299	6	305	89	29.2	40	13.1	8	2.6
Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School	111	10	121	29	24	22	18.2	17	14
Donnybrook District High School	481	22	503	101	20.1	30	6	14	2.8
Dunsborough Primary School	623	19	642	101	15.7	21	3.3	6	0.9
East Manjimup Primary School	275	8	283	33	11.7	14	4.9	2	0.7
Eaton Community College	418	21	439	122	27.8	68	15.5	30	6.8
Eaton Primary School	368	11	379	62	16.4	23	6.1	5	1.3

Fairview Primary School	243	7	250	39	15.6	13	5.2	2	0.8
Flinders Park Primary School	512	25	537	90	16.8	25	4.7	7	1.3
Frankland River Primary School	40	5	45	8	17.8	0	0	2	4.4
Gairdner Primary School	47	2	49	7	14.3	1	2	1	2
Geographe Education Support Centre	50	3	53	14	26.4	5	9.4	1	1.9
Geographe Primary School	627	17	644	83	12.9	22	3.4	4	0.6
Glen Huon Primary School	418	15	433	88	20.3	21	4.8	4	0.9
Gnowangerup District High School	132	8	140	35	25	18	12.9	13	9.3
Greenbushes Primary School	58	2	60	12	20	1	1.7	4	6.7
Harvey Primary School	304	28	332	64	19.3	17	5.1	5	1.5
Harvey Senior High School	189	11	200	33	16.5	28	14	21	10.5
Jerramungup District High School	87	5	92	23	25	6	6.5	4	4.3
Karridale Primary School	62	1	63	11	17.5	3	4.8	1	1.6
Kendenup Primary School	90	11	101	26	25.7	3	3	3	3
Kingston Primary School	737	35	772	161	20.9	34	4.4	8	1
Kirup Primary School	44	2	46	4	8.7	5	10.9	3	6.5
Kojonup District High School	246	15	261	75	28.7	31	11.9	9	3.4
Little Grove Primary School	197	5	202	24	11.9	2	1	1	0.5
Maidens Park Primary School	193	20	213	45	21.1	33	15.5	9	4.2
Manea Senior College	420	37	457	98	21.4	54	11.8	16	3.5
Manjimup Education Support Centre	18	1	19	3	15.8	1	5.3	2	10.5
Manjimup Primary School	288	3	291	37	12.7	19	6.5	5	1.7
Manjimup Senior High School	505	9	514	133	25.9	49	9.5	15	2.9
Margaret River Primary School	712	17	729	111	15.2	29	4	4	0.5
Margaret River Senior High School	575	15	590	144	24.4	39	6.6	9	1.5
Mount Barker Community College	647	30	677	167	24.7	75	11.1	22	3.2
Mount Lockyer Primary School	500	16	516	93	18	31	6	10	1.9
Mount Manypeaks Primary School	29	1	30	4	13.3	0	0	0	0
Nannup District High School	129	10	139	23	16.5	6	4.3	2	1.4
Newton Moore Education Support Centre	55	2	57	11	19.3	6	10.5	1	1.8
Newton Moore Senior High School	585	41	626	130	20.8	69	11	63	10.1
North Albany Senior High School	438	17	455	115	25.3	68	14.9	29	6.4
Northcliffe District High School	80	6	86	20	23.3	12	14	7	8.1
Ongerup Primary School	28	0	28	1	3.6	2	7.1	0	0
Parkfield Primary School	646	24	670	96	14.3	37	5.5	14	2.1
Pemberton District High School	167	3	170	36	21.2	11	6.5	3	1.8
Picton Primary School	169	8	177	39	22	10	5.6	4	2.3
River Valley Primary School	84	2	86	6	7	1	1.2	0	0
South Bunbury Education Support Centre	53	3	56	13	23.2	4	7.1	0	0
South Bunbury Primary School	390	12	402	58	14.4	11	2.7	3	0.7
South Stirling Primary School	18	0	18	2	11.1	0	0	0	0
Spencer Park Education Support Centre	20	1	21	4	19	1	4.8	0	0

Spencer Park Primary School	376	15	391	48	12.3	35	9	8	2
Tambellup Primary School	87	0	87	19	21.8	12	13.8	3	3.4
Tuart Forest Primary School	169	2	171	21	12.3	6	3.5	1	0.6
Vasse Primary School	479	13	492	84	17.1	24	4.9	7	1.4
WA College Of Agriculture - Denmark	97	1	98	6	6.1	2	2	0	0
WA College Of Agriculture - Harvey	125	7	132	27	20.5	6	4.5	5	3.8
Walpole Primary School	80	3	83	15	18.1	3	3.6	0	0
Wellstead Primary School	26	0	26	8	30.8	1	3.8	0	0
West Busselton Primary School	431	8	439	74	16.9	23	5.2	6	1.4
Wilson Park Primary School	104	1	105	30	28.6	13	12.4	3	2.9
Yakamia Primary School	495	13	508	76	15	30	5.9	6	1.2
Yarloop Primary School	43	2	45	7	15.6	3	6.7	1	2.2

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School	Current	Former	Total	Students	%	Students	%	Students	%
Albany Senior High School	965	24	989	242	24.5	98	9.9	44	4.4
Adam Road Primary School	510	15	525	116	22.1	30	5.7	8	1.5
Albany Primary School	491	12	503	105	20.9	15	3	8	1.6
Albany Secondary Education Support Centre	38	5	43	8	18.6	4	9.3	9	20.9
Allanson Primary School	105	3	108	20	18.5	1	0.9	0	0
Amaroo Primary School	391	15	406	79	19.5	31	7.6	6	1.5
Augusta Primary School	77	3	80	23	28.8	4	5	2	2.5
Australind Primary School	290	22	312	73	23.4	33	10.6	2	0.6
Australind Senior High School	972	47	1019	260	25.5	108	10.6	67	6.6
Balingup Primary School	35	0	35	8	22.9	0	0	1	2.9
Borden Primary School	24	0	24	4	16.7	1	4.2	0	0
Boyanup Primary School	114	3	117	25	21.4	4	3.4	2	1.7
Boyup Brook District High School	156	9	165	38	23	16	9.7	3	1.8
Bremer Bay Primary School	34	2	36	7	19.4	5	13.9	2	5.6
Bridgetown High School	140	7	147	30	20.4	17	11.6	4	2.7
Bridgetown Primary School	313	13	326	76	23.3	17	5.2	2	0.6
Brunswick Junction Primary School	70	1	71	14	19.7	7	9.9	5	7
Bunbury Primary School	401	16	417	71	17	15	3.6	3	0.7
Bunbury Senior High School	778	26	804	179	22.3	82	10.2	49	6.1
Busselton Primary School	252	21	273	55	20.1	15	5.5	3	1.1
Busselton Senior High School	490	13	503	135	26.8	61	12.1	30	6
Cape Naturaliste College	480	22	502	148	29.5	59	11.8	21	4.2
Capel Primary School	341	27	368	73	19.8	21	5.7	6	1.6
Carey Park Primary School	369	20	389	83	21.3	32	8.2	12	3.1
Clifton Park Primary School	186	9	195	37	19	6	3.1	4	2.1
College Row School	28	0	28	2	7.1	1	3.6	2	7.1
Collie Senior High School	476	13	489	101	20.7	58	11.9	47	9.6
Cooinda Primary School	382	17	399	52	13	26	6.5	0	0
Cowaramup Primary School	220	5	225	55	24.4	15	6.7	4	1.8
Cranbrook Primary School	71	3	74	17	23	10	13.5	0	0

Dalyellup College	708	38	746	205	27.5	82	11	33	4.4
Dalyellup Primary School	662	33	695	169	24.3	40	5.8	8	1.2
Dardanup Primary School	175	1	176	26	14.8	6	3.4	3	1.7
Denmark Primary School	470	13	483	104	21.5	19	3.9	8	1.7
Denmark Senior High School	312	13	325	95	29.2	46	14.2	14	4.3
Djidi Djidi Aboriginal School	112	16	128	33	25.8	31	24.2	8	6.3
Donnybrook District High School	488	16	504	113	22.4	24	4.8	15	3
Dunsborough Primary School	645	24	669	143	21.4	27	4	4	0.6
East Manjimup Primary School	264	11	275	51	18.5	16	5.8	2	0.7
Eaton Community College	423	16	439	121	27.6	65	14.8	38	8.7
Eaton Primary School	406	12	418	94	22.5	21	5	2	0.5
Fairview Primary School	237	5	242	33	13.6	13	5.4	5	2.1
Flinders Park Primary School	500	8	508	93	18.3	26	5.1	0	0
Frankland River Primary School	46	0	46	11	23.9	1	2.2	1	2.2
Gairdner Primary School	45	1	46	3	6.5	1	2.2	0	0
Geographe Primary School	589	10	599	95	15.9	22	3.7	4	0.7
Glen Huon Primary School	440	21	461	110	23.9	28	6.1	8	1.7
Gnowangerup District High School	124	13	137	21	15.3	16	11.7	13	9.5
Greenbushes Primary School	40	2	42	16	38.1	1	2.4	0	0
Harvey Primary School	345	19	364	84	23.1	30	8.2	3	0.8
Harvey Senior High School	179	16	195	40	20.5	43	22.1	20	10.3
Jerramungup District High School	92	1	93	9	9.7	5	5.4	1	1.1
Karridale Primary School	63	2	65	13	20	4	6.2	1	1.5
Kendenup Primary School	97	1	98	22	22.4	3	3.1	3	3.1
Kingston Primary School	730	23	753	151	20.1	39	5.2	8	1.1
Kirup Primary School	45	1	46	7	15.2	8	17.4	1	2.2
Kojonup District High School	210	10	220	49	22.3	32	14.5	6	2.7
Little Grove Primary School	210	2	212	27	12.7	6	2.8	0	0
Maidens Park Primary School	205	21	226	45	19.9	29	12.8	18	8
Manea Senior College	492	19	511	109	21.3	40	7.8	20	3.9
Manjimup Education Support Centre	21	0	21	6	28.6	0	0	2	9.5
Manjimup Primary School	269	17	286	40	14	22	7.7	5	1.7
Manjimup Senior High School	491	17	508	154	30.3	44	8.7	21	4.1
Margaret River Primary School	735	24	759	127	16.7	30	4	7	0.9
Margaret River Senior High School	600	7	607	195	32.1	64	10.5	14	2.3
Mount Barker Community College	638	33	671	143	21.3	63	9.4	32	4.8
Mount Lockyer Primary School	545	16	561	105	18.7	51	9.1	14	2.5
Mount Manypeaks Primary School	24	3	27	0	0	2	7.4	0	0
Nannup District High School	112	10	122	14	11.5	8	6.6	0	0
Newton Moore Education Support Centre	49	0	49	13	26.5	3	6.1	4	8.2
Newton Moore Senior High School	605	25	630	148	23.5	85	13.5	52	8.3
North Albany Senior High School	466	25	491	137	27.9	79	16.1	52	10.6
Northcliffe District High School	75	6	81	23	28.4	4	4.9	6	7.4
Ongerup Primary School	19	0	19	4	21.1	0	0	0	0

Parkfield Primary School	645	16	661	121	18.3	35	5.3	5	0.8
Pemberton District High School	161	2	163	37	22.7	4	2.5	2	1.2
Picton Primary School	148	10	158	29	18.4	3	1.9	1	0.6
River Valley Primary School	66	6	72	14	19.4	1	1.4	3	4.2
South Bunbury Education Support Centre	64	1	65	13	20	2	3.1	0	0
South Bunbury Primary School	374	15	389	72	18.5	10	2.6	3	0.8
South Stirling Primary School	19	3	22	4	18.2	1	4.5	0	0
Spencer Park Education Support Centre	18	0	18	6	33.3	2	11.1	0	0
Spencer Park Primary School	353	9	362	69	19.1	23	6.4	6	1.7
Tambellup Primary School	86	3	89	14	15.7	5	5.6	1	1.1
Treendale Primary School	185	8	193	22	11.4	4	2.1	0	0
Tuart Forest Primary School	291	2	293	51	17.4	10	3.4	3	1
Vasse Primary School	520	19	539	88	16.3	26	4.8	4	0.7
WA College Of Agriculture - Denmark	110	5	115	12	10.4	3	2.6	1	0.9
WA College Of Agriculture - Harvey	129	7	136	27	19.9	11	8.1	0	0
Walpole Primary School	80	6	86	23	26.7	3	3.5	3	3.5
Wellstead Primary School	23	0	23	1	4.3	0	0	0	0
West Busselton Primary School	421	10	431	84	19.5	23	5.3	5	1.2
Wilson Park Primary School	117	4	121	37	30.6	19	15.7	1	0.8
Yakamia Primary School	474	16	490	109	22.2	21	4.3	7	1.4
Yarloop Primary School	50	8	58	15	25.9	15	25.9	5	8.6

Note:

1 c. the Department of Education has provided student numbers and percentage of students with 'non-regular attendance at risk – moderate' (60-79 % attendance) noting that the question appears to have been incorrectly indicated as (60-70 % attendance)

In line with the national standards, student attendance data collection and reporting is based on the attendance records of students enrolled at any time during Semester 1 each year.

Students enrolled during Semester 1 are designated 'current' (enrolled at the end of Semester 1) and 'former' (enrolled at some time during Semester 1, but no longer enrolled at that school).

Students who enrol in multiple schools over a semester contribute their attendance record to each school for the period (available half-days) they were enrolled.

The total number of students attending during Semester 1 will not be the same as the official Semester 1 student enrolment numbers, which is measured on one day in February.