

SCHOOLCHILDREN — INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY TESTING

2101. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education

- (1) How many school-aged and pre-school-aged children were assessed for an intellectual disability by Schools Plus in 2009:
 - (a) how many of these children were classified as having an intellectual disability; and
 - (b) how many of these children have been deemed not to have an intellectual disability?
- (2) In 2009, how many students over eight years old and settled in school did Schools Plus deem not to be intellectually disabled as a result of further testing they had ordered, when the first test was deemed to be valid?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

- (1) The Schools Plus Team does not determine intellectual disability. Assessment for intellectual disability is undertaken by school psychologists or registered psychologists or private practitioners.
 - (a) As children may be assessed by private practitioners or through a Departmental process it is not possible to determine the total number.
 - (b) Not applicable
- (2) Not applicable. See answer (1) above.