

Estimates and Financial Operations Committee

2020-21 Budget Estimates and 2019-20 Annual Report Questions Prior to Hearing (Round 1)

Department of Education

Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

1. For the reporting period, how many children in WA schools were charged with harmful sexual behaviours?

Answer:

Protocols have been put in place by this government to manage safety arrangements for school students when a young person at that school is charged with harmful sexual behaviours. Prior to this protocol, the previous Liberal-National government has no such arrangements in place.

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Of those:

- (a) What were their ages at the time of notification;

Answer:


Their ages ranged from 11 to 18.

- (b) How many went on to be suspended;

Answer:

While six students from public schools were suspended, none were suspended for harmful sexual behaviours.

Non-government schools operate under governing bodies independently of Government. The Department of Education does not record information about suspensions of students of non-government schools.


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(c) How many went on to be expelled;

Answer:

No students from public schools were excluded.

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(d) How many moved schools;

Answer:

Nine

(e) How many moved to another education setting;

Answer:

None.

(f) How many were attending the same school as their alleged victim that the department is aware of?

Answer

As per the Multi-agency protocol for education options for young people charged with harmful sexual behaviours, a Risk Assessment and Management Plan is put in place reflecting the individual circumstances and arrangements.

There were six cases where the alleged identified victim was enrolled in the same school at the time of notification.

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