

SCHOOLS — STUDENT STATISTICS

7376. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Education

- (1) Can the Minister provide the following information for each school in the state, for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011:
 - (a) average enrolments;
 - (b) number of unexplained absences; and
 - (c) average number of unexplained absences per student per year (to one decimal place)?
- (2) Can the Minister provide the following information for each school in the state, for the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011:
 - (a) the number of individual students who have been suspended;
 - (b) the number of individual students who have been suspended on more than five occasions;
 - (c) the number of individual students who have been suspended on more than ten occasions; and
 - (d) the number of individual students who have been suspended on more than fifteen occasions?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I am advised by the Department of Education Services for non-government schools as follows:

- (1)
 - (a) The data for non-government schools is provided annually in the Department of Education Services' Annual Reports.
 - (b)–(c) The data for non-government schools is not available as the information is not centrally collated.
- (2) (a)–(d) The data for non-government schools is not available as the information is not centrally collated.

I am advised by the Department of Education for public schools as follows:

- (1) The enrolments are based on August school census data, and the attendance data are based on whole of Semester 1 data. Absences are counted as half-days, categorised as Authorised or Unauthorised. The number of unauthorised half-day absences is reported, and the average number of half-days per enrolled student.

Data are provided in relation to current schools, with historical data provided where possible.
- (2) [See paper 4711.] In relation to suspension data, the privacy of students has been carefully considered and the reporting of small numbers has been suppressed where their publication could result in the identification of individual students.