

EDUCATION — SCHOOLS OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

1083. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for Education and Training:

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Donna Faragher, who is absent of the chamber on urgent parliamentary business. I refer to specialist services provided to students through the Department of Education's Schools of Special Educational Needs.

- (1) In 2020 and 2021, how many government school students were enrolled in or have accessed specialist services from the following —
- (a) School of Special Educational Needs: Disability;
 - (b) School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health; and
 - (c) School of Special Educational Needs: Sensory?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Students accessing specialist services from the Schools of Special Educational Needs: Disability, Medical and Mental Health and Sensory remain enrolled in their school. As such, no students were enrolled in specialist services in 2020 and 2021. The next part of the answer is in tabular form, so I seek leave to have that part of the answer incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

	2020	2021 (to 1/12/21)
School of Special Educational Needs: Disability	5,338	5,010
School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health	4,504	4,132
School of Special Educational Needs: Sensory	1,887	1,772

The School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health supported additional students in 2020 who were learning from home due to them, or a family member being immunocompromised.