

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING**

Department of Education

Hon Neil Thomson MLC asked:

1) Considering the concerning rates of attendance at a number of Kimberley schools there does not appear to be a budget line addressing low attendance rates - is this included in the Kimberley Schools Project budget:

- a) If yes to 1, is there a funding amount dedicated to improving attendance; and
- b) If no to (a), how are low attendance rates in the Kimberley being addressed in this budget?

Answer: There is no one single line item for attendance in the budget papers.

Kimberley Schools Project is just one program.

Supported by the Department of Education, schools design and deliver localised approaches to improve student attendance. This involves implementing a range of initiatives in the Kimberley, including breakfast programs, bus attendance runs, and engagement programs delivered by, for example, Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation, Wunan Foundation, Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation, Clontarf, Shooting Stars, Follow the Dream and The Men's Shed.

Minister's initials



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