

Question on Notice
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QUESTION:

With reference to the EGPA review regarding home education—

Will the Minister (a) advise why the Consultation Paper only cited data sourced from the two years in which the COVID-19 pandemic was at its height and (b) explain the reasoning for relying on this atypical snapshot of data, rather than looking at a broader time frame to have a more accurate indication of any potential trends?

ANSWER:

The consultation paper regarding the review of the home education provisions in the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA) (the paper) was distributed to all parents of children registered for home education in April 2022. The consultation paper outlined proposed legislative amendments to home education provisions and sought stakeholder feedback on these.

The paper included a graphical representation of the number of provisional registrations for home education issued under section 207 and 208 in the EGPA (and the percentage change each year) to the end of December each year. The graph covered the entire period from 2008 to 2021. It did not only cite data from the two years of the pandemic, as incorrectly stated in this Question on Notice. A copy of the graph from the paper is below.

