

Question on Notice
No. 477
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MR M CRANDON ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise school non-attendance numbers for students in the compulsory participation phase for the years 2020 to 2022 to date (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

Data for school non-attendance rates for students in the compulsory participation phase is outlined in the table below:

Collection Year	Non-attendance rate
2020	12.5%
2021	13.6%
2022	14.0%*

* 2022 data reflects year-to-date non-attendance rates as at 30 May 2022.
Data for 2022 is not yet validated and subject to change.

Source:

- 2020 and 2021 data is based on the Department of Education's annual Corporate Attendance Collection.
- Section 231 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* defines the compulsory participation phase as:
*A young person's **compulsory participation phase**—*
 - (a) starts when the person stops being of compulsory school age; and*
 - (b) ends when the person—*
 - (i) gains a certificate of achievement, senior statement, certificate III or certificate IV; or*
 - (ii) has participated in eligible options for 2 years after the person stopped being of compulsory school age; or*
 - (iii) turns 17 years.*
- Figures reflect non-attendance rates for students who were in Years 11 and 12, and younger than 17 years old, as at 1 July of the collection year.
- The non-attendance rate is based on Semester 1 each year and is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students did not attend, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.