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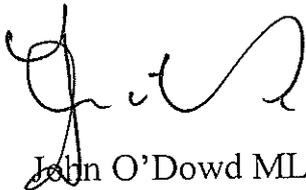
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**ANSWER**

I have arranged for the information requested to be placed in the Assembly Library.



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(a) The table below details the rate per thousand of post-primary school enrolments with less than 85% attendance by District Council Area in 2013/14

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
ANTRIM	81.5
ARDS	98.8
ARMAGH	73.6
BALLYMENA	70.4
BALLYMONEY	91.2
BANBRIDGE	73.9
BELFAST	133.4
CARRICKFERGUS	106.6
CASTLEREAGH	68.3
COLERAINE	89.5
COOKSTOWN	92.1
CRAIGAVON	102.0
DERRY	121.2
DOWN	84.2
DUNGANNON	86.1
FERMANAGH	81.0
LARNE	92.2
LIMAVADY	90.3
LISBURN	77.4
MAGHERAFELT	57.0
MOYLE	68.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	68.3
NEWTOWNABBEY	98.9
NORTH DOWN	80.8
OMAGH	64.3
STRABANE	128.6
<b>North of Ireland</b>	<b>93.2</b>

(b) The table below details the rate per thousand of post-primary school enrolments with less than 85% attendance by Ward in 2013/14

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
ANTRIM	ALDERGROVE	38.1
ANTRIM	BALLOO	141.3
ANTRIM	BALLYCRAIGY	67.4
ANTRIM	CLADY	34.0
ANTRIM	CRANFIELD	81.2
ANTRIM	CRUMLIN (ANTRIM)	61.9
ANTRIM	DRUMANAWAY	103.2
ANTRIM	FARRANSHANE	153.2
ANTRIM	FOUNTAIN HILL	96.8
ANTRIM	GREYSTONE (ANTRIM)	135.7
ANTRIM	MASSEREENE	74.2
ANTRIM	PARKGATE	22.7
ANTRIM	RANDALSTOWN	116.2
ANTRIM	SHILVODAN	44.3
ANTRIM	SPRINGFARM	149.6
ANTRIM	STEEPLE	82.5
ANTRIM	STILES	135.7
ANTRIM	TEMPLEPATRICK	43.9
ANTRIM	TOOME	85.0
ARDS	BALLYGOWAN	45.1
ARDS	BALLYRAINEY	191.9
ARDS	BALLYWALTER	119.7
ARDS	BRADSHAWS BRAE	82.8
ARDS	CARROWDORE	52.4
ARDS	CENTRAL (ARDS)	150.5
ARDS	COMBER EAST	94.7
ARDS	COMBER NORTH	125.8
ARDS	COMBER WEST	78.7

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
ARDS	DONAGHADEE NORTH	21.7
ARDS	DONAGHADEE SOUTH	141.8
ARDS	GLEN	147.1
ARDS	GREGSTOWN	108.8
ARDS	KILLINCHY	41.5
ARDS	KIRCUBBIN	87.9
ARDS	LISBANE	41.5
ARDS	LOUGHRIES	136.0
ARDS	MILLISLE	89.7
ARDS	MOVILLA	82.6
ARDS	PORTAFERRY	78.5
ARDS	PORTAVOGIE	121.6
ARDS	SCRABO	196.5
ARDS	WHITESPOTS	82.2
ARMAGH	ABBEY PARK	99.4
ARMAGH	BALLYMARTRIM	55.0
ARMAGH	CALLAN BRIDGE	157.7
ARMAGH	CARRIGATUKE	43.5
ARMAGH	CHARLEMONT	50.8
ARMAGH	DEMESNE	73.0
ARMAGH	DERRYNOOSE	55.2
ARMAGH	DOWNS	42.6
ARMAGH	HAMILTONSBAWN	74.1
ARMAGH	HOCKLEY	58.4
ARMAGH	KEADY	98.0
ARMAGH	KILLEEN	42.7
ARMAGH	KILLYLEA	64.0
ARMAGH	LAURELVALE	115.8
ARMAGH	LOUGHGALL	67.7
ARMAGH	MARKETHILL	55.3
ARMAGH	MILFORD	34.5

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
ARMAGH	OBSERVATORY	91.6
ARMAGH	POYNTZ PASS	96.6
ARMAGH	RICH HILL	50.8
ARMAGH	TANDRAGEE	116.7
ARMAGH	THE MALL	123.3
BALLYMENA	ACADEMY	45.5
BALLYMENA	AHOGHILL	67.2
BALLYMENA	ARDEEVIN	59.6
BALLYMENA	BALLEE	171.4
BALLYMENA	BALLYKEEL	192.8
BALLYMENA	BALLYLOUGHAN	26.5
BALLYMENA	BROUGHSHANE	76.5
BALLYMENA	CASTLE DEMESNE	93.8
BALLYMENA	CRAIGYWARREN	39.7
BALLYMENA	CULLYBACKEY	109.4
BALLYMENA	DUNCLUG	150.7
BALLYMENA	DUNMINNING	38.3
BALLYMENA	FAIR GREEN	138.6
BALLYMENA	GALGORM	33.8
BALLYMENA	GLENRAVEL	61.5
BALLYMENA	GLENWHIRRY	31.5
BALLYMENA	GRANGE	44.2
BALLYMENA	HARRYVILLE	151.9
BALLYMENA	KELLS	57.1
BALLYMENA	MOAT	78.9
BALLYMENA	PARK	96.5
BALLYMENA	PORTGLENONE	64.2
BALLYMENA	SLEMISH	40.7
BALLYMENA	SUMMERFIELD	79.4
BALLYMONEY	BALLYHOE AND CORKEY	63.7
BALLYMONEY	BENVARDIN	111.1

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
BALLYMONEY	CARNANY	116.1
BALLYMONEY	CLOGH MILLS	63.5
BALLYMONEY	DERVOCK	67.2
BALLYMONEY	DUNLOY	35.5
BALLYMONEY	FAIRHILL	91.7
BALLYMONEY	GLEBE (BALLYMONEY)	66.7
BALLYMONEY	KILLOQUIN LOWER	74.1
BALLYMONEY	KILLOQUIN UPPER	133.9
BALLYMONEY	KNOCKAHOLET	114.6
BALLYMONEY	NEWHILL	125.0
BALLYMONEY	ROUTE	119.0
BALLYMONEY	SEACON	118.3
BALLYMONEY	STRANOCUM	87.9
BALLYMONEY	THE VOW	97.4
BANBRIDGE	BALLYDOWN	27.6
BANBRIDGE	BALLYWARD	59.9
BANBRIDGE	BANBRIDGE WEST	117.6
BANBRIDGE	BANNSIDE	57.1
BANBRIDGE	DROMORE NORTH	39.1
BANBRIDGE	DROMORE SOUTH	46.7
BANBRIDGE	EDENDERRY (BANBRIDGE)	187.1
BANBRIDGE	FORT	88.0
BANBRIDGE	GILFORD	139.2
BANBRIDGE	GRANSHA	44.4
BANBRIDGE	KATESBRIDGE	56.8
BANBRIDGE	LAWRENCETOWN	87.0
BANBRIDGE	LOUGHBRICKLAND	71.1
BANBRIDGE	QUILLY	34.0
BANBRIDGE	RATHFRILAND	122.0
BANBRIDGE	SEAPATRICK	62.1
BANBRIDGE	THE CUT	122.0

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
BELFAST	ANDERSONSTOWN	75.5
BELFAST	ARDOYNE	136.7
BELFAST	BALLYHACKAMORE	84.9
BELFAST	BALLYMACARRETT	227.1
BELFAST	BALLYNAFEIGH	153.2
BELFAST	BALLYSILLAN	133.0
BELFAST	BEECHMOUNT	128.8
BELFAST	BELLEVUE	130.9
BELFAST	BELMONT	100.9
BELFAST	BLACKSTAFF	276.3
BELFAST	BLOOMFIELD (BELFAST)	153.5
BELFAST	BOTANIC	285.7
BELFAST	CASTLEVIEW	88.8
BELFAST	CAVEHILL	34.3
BELFAST	CHERRYVALLEY	53.8
BELFAST	CHICHESTER PARK	85.2
BELFAST	CLIFTONVILLE	109.7
BELFAST	CLONARD	138.9
BELFAST	CRUMLIN (BELFAST)	233.1
BELFAST	DUNCAIRN	242.6
BELFAST	FALLS	231.6
BELFAST	FALLS PARK	74.7
BELFAST	FINAGHY	69.4
BELFAST	FORTWILLIAM	100.9
BELFAST	GLEN ROAD	73.8
BELFAST	GLENCAIRN	200.0
BELFAST	GLENCOLIN	89.8
BELFAST	HIGHFIELD	122.9
BELFAST	ISLAND	214.8
BELFAST	KNOCK	96.1
BELFAST	LADYBROOK	110.6

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BELFAST	LEGONIEL	126.0
BELFAST	MALONE	24.2
BELFAST	MUSGRAVE	90.3
BELFAST	NEW LODGE	192.9
BELFAST	ORANGEFIELD	76.9
BELFAST	RAVENHILL	126.0
BELFAST	ROSETTA	50.2
BELFAST	SHAFTESBURY	285.2
BELFAST	SHANKILL	257.9
BELFAST	STORMONT	37.2
BELFAST	STRANMILLIS	26.1
BELFAST	SYDENHAM	169.6
BELFAST	THE MOUNT	282.9
BELFAST	UPPER MALONE	104.1
BELFAST	UPPER SPRINGFIELD	125.0
BELFAST	WATER WORKS	131.0
BELFAST	WHITEROCK	173.1
BELFAST	WINDSOR	129.9
BELFAST	WOODSTOCK	218.6
BELFAST	WOODVALE	285.7
CARRICKFERGUS	BLACKHEAD	81.6
CARRICKFERGUS	BLUEFIELD	84.5
CARRICKFERGUS	BONEYBEFORE	105.3
CARRICKFERGUS	BURLEIGH HILL	30.9
CARRICKFERGUS	CLIPPERSTOWN	180.5
CARRICKFERGUS	EDEN	73.0
CARRICKFERGUS	GORTALEE	194.4
CARRICKFERGUS	GREENISLAND	89.7
CARRICKFERGUS	KILLYCROT	183.9
CARRICKFERGUS	KNOCKAGH	24.4
CARRICKFERGUS	LOVE LANE	214.3

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CARRICKFERGUS	MILEBUSH	153.8
CARRICKFERGUS	NORTHLAND	255.1
CARRICKFERGUS	SUNNYLANDS	147.1
CARRICKFERGUS	VICTORIA (CARRICKFERGUS)	122.7
CARRICKFERGUS	WHITEHEAD	87.3
CARRICKFERGUS	WOODBURN	92.4
CASTLEREAGH	BALLYHANWOOD	37.0
CASTLEREAGH	BEECHILL	42.6
CASTLEREAGH	CAIRNSHILL	19.6
CASTLEREAGH	CARROWREAGH	72.1
CASTLEREAGH	CARRYDUFF EAST	65.7
CASTLEREAGH	CARRYDUFF WEST	22.9
CASTLEREAGH	CREGAGH	147.5
CASTLEREAGH	DOWNSHIRE	79.4
CASTLEREAGH	DUNDONALD	52.6
CASTLEREAGH	ENLER	170.2
CASTLEREAGH	GALWALLY	39.4
CASTLEREAGH	GILNAHIRK	40.8
CASTLEREAGH	GRAHAMS BRIDGE	108.3
CASTLEREAGH	HILLFOOT	51.9
CASTLEREAGH	KNOCKBRACKEN	28.7
CASTLEREAGH	LISNASHARRAGH	90.9
CASTLEREAGH	LOWER BRANIEL	75.8
CASTLEREAGH	MINNOWBURN	134.6
CASTLEREAGH	MONEYREAGH	63.1
CASTLEREAGH	NEWTOWNBREDA	52.2
CASTLEREAGH	TULLYCARNET	174.6
CASTLEREAGH	UPPER BRANIEL	102.4
CASTLEREAGH	WYNCHURCH	63.1
COLERAINE	AGIVEY	52.6

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COLERAINE	ATLANTIC	157.5
COLERAINE	BALLYSALLY	138.7
COLERAINE	CASTLEROCK	61.9
COLERAINE	CENTRAL (COLERAINE)	259.7
COLERAINE	CHURCHLAND	158.6
COLERAINE	CROSS GLEBE	181.8
COLERAINE	DUNDOOAN	71.1
COLERAINE	DUNLUCE	47.6
COLERAINE	GARVAGH	38.5
COLERAINE	HOPEFIELD	73.9
COLERAINE	KILREA	26.7
COLERAINE	KNOCKLYNN	88.6
COLERAINE	MACOSQUIN	70.1
COLERAINE	MOUNT SANDEL	55.6
COLERAINE	PORTSTEWART	141.0
COLERAINE	RINGSEND	46.2
COLERAINE	ROYAL PORTRUSH	187.5
COLERAINE	STRAND (COLERAINE)	9.6
COLERAINE	THE CUTS	92.9
COLERAINE	UNIVERSITY	96.8
COLERAINE	WATERSIDE	47.1
COOKSTOWN	ARDBOE	102.3
COOKSTOWN	COAGH	89.3
COOKSTOWN	DUNNAMORE	39.3
COOKSTOWN	GORTALOWRY	104.2
COOKSTOWN	KILLYCOLPY	74.9
COOKSTOWN	KILLYMOON	147.3
COOKSTOWN	LISSAN	38.2
COOKSTOWN	MONEYMORE	66.7
COOKSTOWN	NEWBUILDINGS	102.6
COOKSTOWN	OAKLANDS	55.9

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COOKSTOWN	OLDTOWN	185.2
COOKSTOWN	POMEROY	121.2
COOKSTOWN	SANDHOLES	118.8
COOKSTOWN	STEWARTSTOWN	139.9
COOKSTOWN	THE LOOP	27.8
COOKSTOWN	TULLAGH	108.5
CRAIGAVON	AGHAGALLON	25.6
CRAIGAVON	ANNAGH	103.1
CRAIGAVON	BALLYBAY	236.0
CRAIGAVON	BALLYORAN	109.3
CRAIGAVON	BLEARY	69.3
CRAIGAVON	BROWNSTOWN	132.0
CRAIGAVON	CHURCH	301.9
CRAIGAVON	CORCRAIN	142.9
CRAIGAVON	COURT	162.9
CRAIGAVON	DERRYTRASNA	55.2
CRAIGAVON	DONAGHCLONEY	44.9
CRAIGAVON	DRUMGASK	162.6
CRAIGAVON	DRUMGOR	154.6
CRAIGAVON	DRUMNAMOE	153.1
CRAIGAVON	EDENDERRY (CRAIGAVON)	103.7
CRAIGAVON	KERNAN	91.6
CRAIGAVON	KILLYCOMAIN	77.5
CRAIGAVON	KNOCKNASHANE	143.6
CRAIGAVON	MAGHERALIN	54.1
CRAIGAVON	MOURNEVIEW	81.5
CRAIGAVON	PARKLAKE	84.0
CRAIGAVON	TAGHNEVAN	117.1
CRAIGAVON	TAVANAGH	120.4
CRAIGAVON	THE BIRCHES	75.7
CRAIGAVON	WARINGSTOWN	54.3

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CRAIGAVON	WOODVILLE	107.9
DERRY	ALTNAGELVIN	136.9
DERRY	BALLYNASHALLOG	43.9
DERRY	BANAGHER	29.0
DERRY	BEECHWOOD	138.2
DERRY	BRANDYWELL	241.6
DERRY	CARN HILL	151.7
DERRY	CAW	212.6
DERRY	CLAUDY	58.4
DERRY	CLONDERMOT	80.0
DERRY	CREGGAN CENTRAL	227.3
DERRY	CREGGAN SOUTH	198.8
DERRY	CREVAGH	163.3
DERRY	CULMORE	86.2
DERRY	EBRINGTON	187.1
DERRY	EGLINTON	39.8
DERRY	ENAGH (DERRY)	96.8
DERRY	FOYLE SPRINGS	70.0
DERRY	HOLLY MOUNT	59.9
DERRY	KILFENNAN	88.2
DERRY	LISNAGELVIN	110.0
DERRY	NEW BUILDINGS	103.6
DERRY	PENNYBURN	74.3
DERRY	ROSEMOUNT	146.3
DERRY	SHANTALLOW EAST	194.0
DERRY	SHANTALLOW WEST	153.7
DERRY	SPRINGTOWN	138.2
DERRY	STRAND (DERRY)	194.9
DERRY	THE DIAMOND	200.0
DERRY	VICTORIA (DERRY)	111.7
DERRY	WESTLAND	146.5

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
DOWN	ARDGLASS	81.3
DOWN	AUDLEYS ACRE	54.4
DOWN	BALLYMAGLAVE	125.7
DOWN	BALLYMOTE	173.9
DOWN	BALLYNAHINCH EAST	77.9
DOWN	CASTLEWELLAN	99.6
DOWN	CATHEDRAL	68.8
DOWN	CROSSGAR	33.5
DOWN	DERRYBOY	37.6
DOWN	DONARD	50.3
DOWN	DRUMANESS	69.4
DOWN	DUNDRUM	86.0
DOWN	DUNMORE	61.9
DOWN	KILLOUGH	88.4
DOWN	KILLYLEAGH	122.2
DOWN	KILMORE	63.0
DOWN	MURLOUGH	242.2
DOWN	QUOILE	23.7
DOWN	SAINTFIELD	37.6
DOWN	SEAFORDE	67.0
DOWN	SHIMNA	157.9
DOWN	STRANGFORD	84.8
DOWN	TOLLYMORE	87.6
DUNGANNON	ALTMORE	61.3
DUNGANNON	AUGHER	66.7
DUNGANNON	AUGHNACLOY	91.8
DUNGANNON	BALLYGAWLEY	82.1
DUNGANNON	BALLYSAGGART	150.8
DUNGANNON	BENBURB	38.3
DUNGANNON	CALEDON	48.6
DUNGANNON	CASTLECAULFIELD	37.4

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DUNGANNON	CLOGHER	122.7
DUNGANNON	COALISLAND NORTH	102.9
DUNGANNON	COALISLAND SOUTH	113.4
DUNGANNON	COALISLAND WEST AND NEWMILLS	184.8
DUNGANNON	COOLHILL	153.4
DUNGANNON	DONAGHMORE (DUNGANNON)	56.8
DUNGANNON	DRUMGLASS	77.3
DUNGANNON	FIVEMILETOWN	128.8
DUNGANNON	KILLYMAN	44.3
DUNGANNON	KILLYMEAL	80.9
DUNGANNON	MOY	45.0
DUNGANNON	MOYGASHEL	95.2
DUNGANNON	MULLAGHMORE	89.3
DUNGANNON	WASHING BAY	35.9
FERMANAGH	BALLINAMALLARD	50.6
FERMANAGH	BELCOO AND GARRISON	59.2
FERMANAGH	BELLEEK AND BOA	97.4
FERMANAGH	BOHO CLEENISH AND LETTERBREEN	63.6
FERMANAGH	BROOKEBOROUGH	105.3
FERMANAGH	CASTLECOOLE	86.2
FERMANAGH	DERRYGONNELLY	87.0
FERMANAGH	DERRYLIN	20.0
FERMANAGH	DEVENISH	153.8
FERMANAGH	DONAGH	62.8
FERMANAGH	ERNE	140.4
FERMANAGH	FLORENCECOURT AND KINAWLEY	38.0
FERMANAGH	IRVINESTOWN	122.0

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FERMANAGH	KESH EDERNEY AND LACK	71.7
FERMANAGH	LISBELLAW	70.1
FERMANAGH	LISNARRICK	27.5
FERMANAGH	LISNASKEA	104.2
FERMANAGH	MAGUIRESBRIDGE	110.6
FERMANAGH	NEWTOWNBUTLER	38.2
FERMANAGH	PORTORA	101.2
FERMANAGH	ROSSLEA	84.6
FERMANAGH	ROSSORRY	135.5
FERMANAGH	TEMPO	65.9
LARNE	ANTIVILLE	250.0
LARNE	BALLYCARRY	42.0
LARNE	BALLYLORAN	226.4
LARNE	BLACKCAVE	179.8
LARNE	CARNCASTLE	64.2
LARNE	CARNLOUGH	67.7
LARNE	CENTRAL (LARNE)	151.5
LARNE	CRAIGY HILL	179.1
LARNE	GARDENMORE	72.2
LARNE	GLENARM	81.5
LARNE	GLYNN	69.8
LARNE	HARBOUR (LARNE)	87.9
LARNE	ISLAND MAGEE	72.8
LARNE	KILWAUGHTER	68.7
LARNE	TOWN PARKS	96.4
LIMAVADY	AGHANLOO	78.0
LIMAVADY	BALLYKELLY	119.6
LIMAVADY	COOLESSAN	225.5
LIMAVADY	DUNGIVEN	121.4
LIMAVADY	ENAGH (LIMAVADY)	114.8
LIMAVADY	FEENY	57.1

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LIMAVADY	FOREST	64.1
LIMAVADY	GLACK	12.6
LIMAVADY	GRESTEEL	72.3
LIMAVADY	GREYSTONE (LIMAVADY)	280.5
LIMAVADY	MAGILLIGAN	50.4
LIMAVADY	RATHBRADY	109.6
LIMAVADY	ROESIDE	90.9
LIMAVADY	THE HIGHLANDS	82.8
LIMAVADY	UPPER GLENSHANE	68.2
LISBURN	BALLINDERRY	47.2
LISBURN	BALLYMACASH	65.0
LISBURN	BALLYMACBRENNAN	10.0
LISBURN	BALLYMACOSS	120.7
LISBURN	BLARIS	69.6
LISBURN	COLLIN GLEN	116.7
LISBURN	DERRYAGHY	60.9
LISBURN	DROMARA	42.9
LISBURN	DRUMBO	27.9
LISBURN	DUNMURRY	30.6
LISBURN	GLENNAVY	35.5
LISBURN	HARMONY HILL	61.5
LISBURN	HILDEN	155.4
LISBURN	HILLHALL	141.9
LISBURN	HILLSBOROUGH	33.0
LISBURN	KILWEE	76.2
LISBURN	KNOCKMORE	119.0
LISBURN	LAGAN VALLEY	159.4
LISBURN	LAMBEG	156.3
LISBURN	LISNAGARVY	45.5
LISBURN	MAGHABERRY	45.5
LISBURN	MAGHERALAVE	63.3

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
LISBURN	MAZE	53.2
LISBURN	MOIRA	60.3
LISBURN	OLD WARREN	176.8
LISBURN	POLEGLASS	146.1
LISBURN	SEYMOUR HILL	104.2
LISBURN	TONAGH	107.7
LISBURN	TWINBROOK	84.6
LISBURN	WALLACE PARK	37.4
MAGHERAFELT	BALLYMAGUIGAN	28.7
MAGHERAFELT	BELLAGHY	38.9
MAGHERAFELT	CASTLEDAWSON	70.7
MAGHERAFELT	DRAPERSTOWN	32.1
MAGHERAFELT	GLEBE (MAGHERAFELT)	58.0
MAGHERAFELT	GULLADUFF	61.5
MAGHERAFELT	KNOCKCLOGHRIM	31.1
MAGHERAFELT	LECUMPHER	36.3
MAGHERAFELT	LOWER GLENSHANE	14.7
MAGHERAFELT	MAGHERA	124.2
MAGHERAFELT	SWATRAGH	61.5
MAGHERAFELT	TOBERMORE	38.0
MAGHERAFELT	TOWN PARKS EAST	130.0
MAGHERAFELT	TOWN PARKS WEST	69.6
MAGHERAFELT	UPPERLANDS	80.8
MAGHERAFELT	VALLEY (MAGHERAFELT)	51.7
MOYLE	ARMOY	64.5
MOYLE	BALLYLOUGH	114.8
MOYLE	BONAMARGY AND RATHLIN	85.7
MOYLE	BUSHMILLS	195.1
MOYLE	CARNMOON	87.0
MOYLE	DALRIADA	45.5
MOYLE	DUNSEVERICK	68.2

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MOYLE	GLENAAN	57.1
MOYLE	GLENARIFF	47.6
MOYLE	GLENDUN	30.3
MOYLE	GLENSHESK	42.3
MOYLE	GLENTAISIE	120.9
MOYLE	KINBANE	17.9
MOYLE	KNOCKLAYD	64.7
MOYLE	MOSS-SIDE AND MOYARGET	51.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	ANNALONG	54.2
NEWRY & MOURNE	BALLYBOT	132.2
NEWRY & MOURNE	BESSBROOK	212.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	BINNIAN	49.8
NEWRY & MOURNE	BURREN AND KILBRONEY	11.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	CAMLOUGH	55.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	CLONALLAN	87.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	CREGGAN	30.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	CROSSMAGLEN	46.8
NEWRY & MOURNE	DAISY HILL	96.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	DERRYLECKAGH	38.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	DERRYMORE	111.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	DONAGHMORE (NEWRY AND MOURNE)	28.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	DRUMALANE	68.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	DRUMGULLION	102.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	FATHOM	100.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	FORKHILL	92.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	KILKEEL CENTRAL	135.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	KILKEEL SOUTH	145.3
NEWRY & MOURNE	LISNACREE	45.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	MAYOBRIDGE	23.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	NEWTOWNHAMILTON	59.1

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NEWRY & MOURNE	ROSTREVOR	88.2
NEWRY & MOURNE	SEAVIEW	54.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	SILVER BRIDGE	25.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	SPELGA	66.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	ST MARYS	73.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	ST PATRICKS	61.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	TULLYHAPPY	54.1
NEWRY & MOURNE	WINDSOR HILL	79.8
NEWTOWNABBEY	ABBEY	193.1
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYCLARE NORTH	114.6
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYCLARE SOUTH	118.8
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYDUFF	142.9
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYHENRY	112.8
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYNURE	77.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYROBERT	66.9
NEWTOWNABBEY	BURNTHILL	85.9
NEWTOWNABBEY	CARNMONEY	152.5
NEWTOWNABBEY	CLOUGHFERN	110.5
NEWTOWNABBEY	COLLINBRIDGE	46.9
NEWTOWNABBEY	COOLE	203.3
NEWTOWNABBEY	DOAGH	64.4
NEWTOWNABBEY	DUNANNEY	182.6
NEWTOWNABBEY	GLEBE (NEWTOWNABBEY)	42.3
NEWTOWNABBEY	GLENGORMLEY	119.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	HAWTHORNE	115.0
NEWTOWNABBEY	HIGHTOWN	93.8
NEWTOWNABBEY	JORDANSTOWN	37.4
NEWTOWNABBEY	MALLUSK	51.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	MONKSTOWN	171.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	MOSSLEY	147.9
NEWTOWNABBEY	ROSTULLA	68.0

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NEWTOWNABBEY	VALLEY (NEWTOWNABBEY)	117.3
NEWTOWNABBEY	WHITEHOUSE	176.5
NORTH DOWN	BALLYCROCHAN	42.0
NORTH DOWN	BALLYHOLME	26.1
NORTH DOWN	BALLYMACONNELL	100.0
NORTH DOWN	BALLYMAGEE	85.3
NORTH DOWN	BANGOR CASTLE	163.3
NORTH DOWN	BLOOMFIELD (NORTH DOWN)	131.1
NORTH DOWN	BROADWAY	66.1
NORTH DOWN	BRYANSBURN	38.8
NORTH DOWN	CHURCHILL	69.8
NORTH DOWN	CLANDEBOYE	95.6
NORTH DOWN	CONLIG	121.1
NORTH DOWN	CRAIGAVAD	29.0
NORTH DOWN	CRAWFORDSBURN	29.9
NORTH DOWN	CULTRA	14.4
NORTH DOWN	DUFFERIN	134.9
NORTH DOWN	GROOMSPORT	76.1
NORTH DOWN	HARBOUR (NORTH DOWN)	63.8
NORTH DOWN	HOLYWOOD DEMESNE	53.0
NORTH DOWN	HOLYWOOD PRIORY	23.4
NORTH DOWN	LOUGHVIEW	123.2
NORTH DOWN	PRINCETOWN	36.0
NORTH DOWN	RATHGAEL	96.2
NORTH DOWN	SILVERSTREAM	137.1
NORTH DOWN	SPRING HILL	56.0
NORTH DOWN	WHITEHILL	183.2
OMAGH	BERAGH	70.8
OMAGH	CAMOWEN	85.7
OMAGH	CLANABOGAN	50.8

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OMAGH	COOLNAGARD	69.4
OMAGH	DERGMONEY	71.4
OMAGH	DROMORE	58.1
OMAGH	DRUMNAKILLY	35.6
OMAGH	DRUMQUIN	41.1
OMAGH	DRUMRAGH	51.5
OMAGH	FAIRY WATER	26.3
OMAGH	FINTONA	127.0
OMAGH	GORTIN	32.1
OMAGH	GORTRUSH	96.3
OMAGH	KILLYCLOGHER	73.6
OMAGH	LISANELLY	182.6
OMAGH	NEWTOWNSAVILLE	43.7
OMAGH	OWENKILLEW	80.0
OMAGH	SIXMILECROSS	50.3
OMAGH	STRULE	158.7
OMAGH	TERMON	10.9
OMAGH	TRILLICK	60.4
STRABANE	ARTIGARVAN	70.4
STRABANE	BALLYCOLMAN	242.6
STRABANE	CASTLEDERG	181.0
STRABANE	CLARE	92.0
STRABANE	DUNNAMANAGH	116.4
STRABANE	EAST	308.9
STRABANE	FINN	100.0
STRABANE	GLENDERG	155.4
STRABANE	NEWTOWNSTEWART	129.3
STRABANE	NORTH	149.6
STRABANE	PLUMBRIDGE	60.1
STRABANE	SION MILLS	111.8
STRABANE	SLIEVEKIRK	118.0

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STRABANE	SOUTH	124.4
STRABANE	VICTORIA BRIDGE	76.9
STRABANE	WEST	125.4
<b>Northern Ireland</b>		<b>93.2</b>

(ii) Regular school attendance and educational attainment are inextricably linked. Regular attendance ensures that pupils get the best possible outcomes from their period in compulsory education and improves their chances of employment and life chances in the longer term.

I have given close attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee report on this issue, in particular that we need a Pupil Attendance Strategy. A Memorandum of Reply was published in August and it sets out a programme of work for my Department and the Education and Library Boards (ELBs).

Much has already been done. For example, to assist with the development of the Pupil Attendance Strategy, my officials have held workshops with schools and the Education Welfare Service (EWS). Direct engagement will also take place with pupils, parents, school governors, other government departments and the wider community.

My Department has issued revised guidance to schools on “Pupil Attendance and Absence Recording”. It strongly recommends, among other things, that each school should have a clear pupil attendance policy. This has been

supplemented by “School Attendance Matters – a Parent’s Guide” which was issued in September for distribution to the parents/carers of all school-age children.

My Department and the ELBs continue to provide support to vulnerable groups, such as Looked after Children, Travellers, School-Age Mothers and Newcomers. This work is supported by the EWS, looked after children teams, the Traveller Education Support Service (TESS) and the Inclusion and Diversity Service.

The levels of unauthorised pupil absences are unacceptable. Evidence shows that not all schools are following up on the reasons for absences. My Department will be writing to these schools in the coming weeks to highlight how many days of education have been missed by their pupils where the reason for the absence is unknown. If we are to develop a meaningful Pupil Attendance Strategy, we need to know the underlying causes of absenteeism which develop into educational underachievement for so many of our young people.

I remain committed to addressing the issue to ensure that our young people have every opportunity to reap the benefits of regular school attendance.