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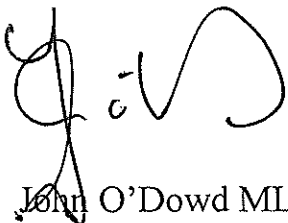
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**ANSWER**

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 15 to 17 year old post-primary enrolments (as at 1 July 2013) 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	74.7
ARDS	88.5
ARMAGH	70.2
BALLYMENA	67.2
BALLYMONEY	68.9
BANBRIDGE	76.3
BELFAST	114.8
CARRICKFERGUS	66.9
CASTLEREAGH	52.5
COLERAINE	92.1
COOKSTOWN	117.2
CRAIGAVON	89.3
DERRY	125.8
DOWN	74.3
DUNGANNON	92.3
FERMANAGH	103.4
LARNE	71.1
LIMAVADY	70.6
LISBURN	79.1
MAGHERAFELT	58.0
MOYLE	55.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	78.4
NEWTOWNABBEY	94.5
NORTH DOWN	83.2
OMAGH	97.6
STRABANE	106.8
<b>North of Ireland</b>	<b>89.8</b>

(b) The table below details the rate per thousand of 15 to 17 year old post-primary enrolments (as at 1 July 2013) 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	50.8
ANTRIM	BALLOO	88.2
ANTRIM	BALLYCRAIGY	200.0
ANTRIM	CLADY	54.5
ANTRIM	CRANFIELD	66.7
ANTRIM	CRUMLIN (ANTRIM)	62.8
ANTRIM	DRUMANAWAY	85.7
ANTRIM	FARRANSHANE	129.0
ANTRIM	FOUNTAIN HILL	166.7
ANTRIM	GREYSTONE (ANTRIM)	102.0
ANTRIM	MASSEREENE	39.7
ANTRIM	PARKGATE	54.5
ANTRIM	RANDALSTOWN	109.8
ANTRIM	SHILVODAN	21.7
ANTRIM	SPRINGFARM	134.8
ANTRIM	STEEPLE	37.0
ANTRIM	STILES	133.3
ANTRIM	TEMPLEPATRICK	14.7
ANTRIM	TOOME	96.8
ARDS	BALLYGOWAN	62.5
ARDS	BALLYRAINEY	83.3
ARDS	BALLYWALTER	84.9
ARDS	BRADSHAWS BRAE	55.6
ARDS	CARROWDORE	78.7
ARDS	CENTRAL (ARDS)	150.0
ARDS	COMBER EAST	104.5
ARDS	COMBER NORTH	76.9
ARDS	COMBER WEST	72.5

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
ARDS	DONAGHADEE NORTH	75.3
ARDS	DONAGHADEE SOUTH	78.1
ARDS	GLEN	150.7
ARDS	GREGSTOWN	112.0
ARDS	KILLINCHY	45.0
ARDS	KIRCUBBIN	47.6
ARDS	LISBANE	50.5
ARDS	LOUGHRIES	137.9
ARDS	MILLISLE	76.9
ARDS	MOVILLA	70.5
ARDS	PORTAFERRY	97.1
ARDS	PORTAVOGIE	108.3
ARDS	SCRABO	161.8
ARDS	WHITESPOTS	137.0
ARMAGH	ABBEY PARK	108.1
ARMAGH	BALLYMARTRIM	54.5
ARMAGH	CALLAN BRIDGE	114.3
ARMAGH	CARRIGATUKE	47.6
ARMAGH	CHARLEMONT	52.6
ARMAGH	DEMESNE	36.6
ARMAGH	DERRYNOOSE	67.1
ARMAGH	DOWNS	78.9
ARMAGH	HAMILTONSBAWN	46.0
ARMAGH	HOCKLEY	61.7
ARMAGH	KEADY	106.4
ARMAGH	KILLEEN	57.1
ARMAGH	KILLYLEA	52.6
ARMAGH	LAURELVALE	109.8
ARMAGH	LOUGHGALL	74.1
ARMAGH	MARKETHILL	62.5
ARMAGH	MILFORD	73.2
ARMAGH	OBSERVATORY	94.6

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
ARMAGH	POYNTZ PASS	92.1
ARMAGH	RICH HILL	26.0
ARMAGH	TANDRAGEE	82.2
ARMAGH	THE MALL	114.3
BALLYMENA	ACADEMY	26.3
BALLYMENA	AHOGHILL	66.7
BALLYMENA	ARDEEVIN	52.1
BALLYMENA	BALLEE	235.3
BALLYMENA	BALLYKEEL	0.0
BALLYMENA	BALLYLOUGHAN	35.7
BALLYMENA	BROUGHSHANE	66.7
BALLYMENA	CASTLE DEMESNE	194.4
BALLYMENA	CRAIGYWARREN	26.0
BALLYMENA	CULLYBACKEY	100.0
BALLYMENA	DUNCLUG	166.7
BALLYMENA	DUNMINNING	23.5
BALLYMENA	FAIR GREEN	230.8
BALLYMENA	GALGORM	26.1
BALLYMENA	GLENRAVEL	27.0
BALLYMENA	GLENWHIRRY	44.6
BALLYMENA	GRANGE	44.2
BALLYMENA	HARRYVILLE	172.4
BALLYMENA	KELLS	90.9
BALLYMENA	MOAT	210.5
BALLYMENA	PARK	103.4
BALLYMENA	PORTGLENONE	86.4
BALLYMENA	SLEMISH	54.9
BALLYMENA	SUMMERFIELD	39.6
BALLYMONEY	BALLYHOE AND CORKEY	42.3
BALLYMONEY	BENVARDIN	61.2
BALLYMONEY	CARNANY	120.0
BALLYMONEY	CLOGH MILLS	112.7

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
BALLYMONEY	DERVOCK	18.2
BALLYMONEY	DUNLOY	26.0
BALLYMONEY	FAIRHILL	71.4
BALLYMONEY	GLEBE (BALLYMONEY)	0.0
BALLYMONEY	KILLOQUIN LOWER	102.0
BALLYMONEY	KILLOQUIN UPPER	104.2
BALLYMONEY	KNOCKAHOLET	40.8
BALLYMONEY	NEWHILL	138.9
BALLYMONEY	ROUTE	62.5
BALLYMONEY	SEACON	82.0
BALLYMONEY	STRANOCUM	100.0
BALLYMONEY	THE VOW	52.6
BANBRIDGE	BALLYDOWN	44.4
BANBRIDGE	BALLYWARD	103.4
BANBRIDGE	BANBRIDGE WEST	98.8
BANBRIDGE	BANNSIDE	53.2
BANBRIDGE	DROMORE NORTH	50.0
BANBRIDGE	DROMORE SOUTH	64.2
BANBRIDGE	EDENDERRY (BANBRIDGE)	120.0
BANBRIDGE	FORT	58.8
BANBRIDGE	GILFORD	147.5
BANBRIDGE	GRANSHA	55.0
BANBRIDGE	KATESBRIDGE	84.7
BANBRIDGE	LAWRENCETOWN	75.8
BANBRIDGE	LOUGHBRICKLAND	41.2
BANBRIDGE	QUILLY	44.9
BANBRIDGE	RATHFRILAND	131.1
BANBRIDGE	SEAPATRICK	76.9
BANBRIDGE	THE CUT	178.6
BELFAST	ANDERSONSTOWN	103.9
BELFAST	ARDOYNE	145.0
BELFAST	BALLYHACKAMORE	73.5

<b>District Council Area</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Rate per thousand enrolments with less than 85% attendance</b>
BELFAST	BALLYMACARRETT	156.3
BELFAST	BALLYNAFEIGH	173.9
BELFAST	BALLYSILLAN	106.5
BELFAST	BEECHMOUNT	151.0
BELFAST	BELLEVUE	123.1
BELFAST	BELMONT	96.4
BELFAST	BLACKSTAFF	327.6
BELFAST	BLOOMFIELD (BELFAST)	84.3
BELFAST	BOTANIC	170.7
BELFAST	CASTLEVIEW	91.6
BELFAST	CAVEHILL	45.2
BELFAST	CHERRYVALLEY	24.7
BELFAST	CHICHESTER PARK	90.9
BELFAST	CLIFTONVILLE	136.8
BELFAST	CLONARD	158.5
BELFAST	CRUMLIN (BELFAST)	184.2
BELFAST	DUNCAIRN	179.8
BELFAST	FALLS	233.3
BELFAST	FALLS PARK	82.4
BELFAST	FINAGHY	55.9
BELFAST	FORTWILLIAM	90.1
BELFAST	GLEN ROAD	122.4
BELFAST	GLENCAIRN	79.2
BELFAST	GLENCOLIN	120.0
BELFAST	HIGHFIELD	85.7
BELFAST	ISLAND	149.4
BELFAST	KNOCK	85.3
BELFAST	LADYBROOK	89.5
BELFAST	LEGONIEL	84.7
BELFAST	MALONE	12.6
BELFAST	MUSGRAVE	32.3
BELFAST	NEW LODGE	110.2



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BELFAST	ORANGEFIELD	69.0
BELFAST	RAVENHILL	85.1
BELFAST	ROSETTA	56.7
BELFAST	SHAFTESBURY	224.3
BELFAST	SHANKILL	234.0
BELFAST	STORMONT	29.1
BELFAST	STRANMILLIS	17.2
BELFAST	SYDENHAM	136.8
BELFAST	THE MOUNT	236.1
BELFAST	UPPER MALONE	100.0
BELFAST	UPPER SPRINGFIELD	175.1
BELFAST	WATER WORKS	155.9
BELFAST	WHITEROCK	199.2
BELFAST	WINDSOR	120.9
BELFAST	WOODSTOCK	212.1
BELFAST	WOODVALE	195.1
CARRICKFERGUS	BLACKHEAD	51.3
CARRICKFERGUS	BLUEFIELD	38.1
CARRICKFERGUS	BONEYBEFORE	30.3
CARRICKFERGUS	BURLEIGH HILL	95.7
CARRICKFERGUS	CLIPPERSTOWN	56.6
CARRICKFERGUS	EDEN	76.9
CARRICKFERGUS	GORTALEE	60.6
CARRICKFERGUS	GREENISLAND	69.8
CARRICKFERGUS	KILLYCROT	103.4
CARRICKFERGUS	KNOCKAGH	23.8
CARRICKFERGUS	LOVE LANE	200.0
CARRICKFERGUS	MILEBUSH	114.3
CARRICKFERGUS	NORTHLAND	120.0
CARRICKFERGUS	SUNNYLANDS	62.5
CARRICKFERGUS	VICTORIA (CARRICKFERGUS)	69.8
CARRICKFERGUS	WHITEHEAD	67.8

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CARRICKFERGUS	WOODBURN	24.1
CASTLEREAGH	BALLYHANWOOD	10.1
CASTLEREAGH	BEECHILL	39.3
CASTLEREAGH	CAIRNSHILL	13.9
CASTLEREAGH	CARROWREAGH	28.2
CASTLEREAGH	CARRYDUFF EAST	59.8
CASTLEREAGH	CARRYDUFF WEST	49.6
CASTLEREAGH	CREGAGH	100.0
CASTLEREAGH	DOWNSHIRE	58.8
CASTLEREAGH	DUNDONALD	57.7
CASTLEREAGH	ENLER	63.8
CASTLEREAGH	GALWALLY	72.5
CASTLEREAGH	GILNAHIRK	58.1
CASTLEREAGH	GRAHAMS BRIDGE	81.6
CASTLEREAGH	HILLFOOT	69.8
CASTLEREAGH	KNOCKBRACKEN	31.3
CASTLEREAGH	LISNASHARRAGH	88.2
CASTLEREAGH	LOWER BRANIEL	46.9
CASTLEREAGH	MINNOWBURN	128.2
CASTLEREAGH	MONEYREAGH	22.1
CASTLEREAGH	NEWTOWNBREDA	65.6
CASTLEREAGH	TULLYCARNET	236.8
CASTLEREAGH	UPPER BRANIEL	70.2
CASTLEREAGH	WYNCHURCH	60.0
COLERAINE	AGIVEY	46.0
COLERAINE	ATLANTIC	92.3
COLERAINE	BALLYSALLY	137.5
COLERAINE	CASTLEROCK	112.5
COLERAINE	CENTRAL (COLERAINE)	311.1
COLERAINE	CHURCHLAND	119.4
COLERAINE	CROSS GLEBE	175.7
COLERAINE	DUNDOOAN	64.5

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COLERAINE	DUNLUCE	80.0
COLERAINE	GARVAGH	42.3
COLERAINE	HOPEFIELD	73.8
COLERAINE	KILREA	66.7
COLERAINE	KNOCKLYNN	67.2
COLERAINE	MACOSQUIN	64.5
COLERAINE	MOUNT SANDEL	111.1
COLERAINE	PORTSTEWART	125.0
COLERAINE	RINGSEND	12.5
COLERAINE	ROYAL PORTRUSH	186.0
COLERAINE	STRAND (COLERAINE)	108.1
COLERAINE	THE CUTS	93.2
COLERAINE	UNIVERSITY	55.6
COLERAINE	WATERSIDE	70.7
COOKSTOWN	ARDBOE	69.8
COOKSTOWN	COAGH	140.4
COOKSTOWN	DUNNAMORE	41.2
COOKSTOWN	GORTALLOWRY	152.4
COOKSTOWN	KILLYCOLPY	122.0
COOKSTOWN	KILLYMOON	186.0
COOKSTOWN	LISSAN	80.0
COOKSTOWN	MONEYMORE	164.6
COOKSTOWN	NEWBUILDINGS	125.0
COOKSTOWN	OAKLANDS	116.9
COOKSTOWN	OLDTOWN	179.1
COOKSTOWN	POMEROY	148.1
COOKSTOWN	SANDHOLES	115.4
COOKSTOWN	STEWARTSTOWN	128.6
COOKSTOWN	THE LOOP	39.2
COOKSTOWN	TULLAGH	148.6
CRAIGAVON	AGHAGALLON	50.6
CRAIGAVON	ANNAGH	40.5

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CRAIGAVON	BALLYBAY	227.3
CRAIGAVON	BALLYORAN	148.1
CRAIGAVON	BLEARY	88.2
CRAIGAVON	BROWNSTOWN	76.9
CRAIGAVON	CHURCH	324.3
CRAIGAVON	CORCRAIN	92.1
CRAIGAVON	COURT	181.8
CRAIGAVON	DERRYTRASNA	50.0
CRAIGAVON	DONAGHCLONEY	7.9
CRAIGAVON	DRUMGASK	142.9
CRAIGAVON	DRUMGOR	129.0
CRAIGAVON	DRUMNAMOE	166.7
CRAIGAVON	EDENDERRY (CRAIGAVON)	28.2
CRAIGAVON	KERNAN	142.9
CRAIGAVON	KILLYCOMAIN	57.7
CRAIGAVON	KNOCKNASHANE	82.4
CRAIGAVON	MAGHERALIN	50.7
CRAIGAVON	MOURNEVIEW	31.3
CRAIGAVON	PARKLAKE	111.1
CRAIGAVON	TAGHNEVAN	127.5
CRAIGAVON	TAVANAGH	100.0
CRAIGAVON	THE BIRCHES	43.0
CRAIGAVON	WARINGSTOWN	53.8
CRAIGAVON	WOODVILLE	80.6
DERRY	ALTNAGELVIN	153.4
DERRY	BALLYNASHALLOG	36.8
DERRY	BANAGHER	46.9
DERRY	BEECHWOOD	137.0
DERRY	BRANDYWELL	161.3
DERRY	CARN HILL	102.0
DERRY	CAW	337.8
DERRY	CLAUDY	51.9

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DERRY	CLONDERMOT	79.2
DERRY	CREGGAN CENTRAL	198.7
DERRY	CREGGAN SOUTH	183.1
DERRY	CREVAGH	120.2
DERRY	CULMORE	69.0
DERRY	EBRINGTON	301.6
DERRY	EGLINTON	52.3
DERRY	ENAGH (DERRY)	113.3
DERRY	FOYLE SPRINGS	93.0
DERRY	HOLLY MOUNT	93.4
DERRY	KILFENNAN	176.5
DERRY	LISNAGELVIN	239.6
DERRY	NEW BUILDINGS	213.7
DERRY	PENNYBURN	51.3
DERRY	ROSEMOUNT	152.8
DERRY	SHANTALLOW EAST	123.8
DERRY	SHANTALLOW WEST	139.6
DERRY	SPRINGTOWN	78.9
DERRY	STRAND (DERRY)	226.4
DERRY	THE DIAMOND	205.9
DERRY	VICTORIA (DERRY)	171.4
DERRY	WESTLAND	170.7
DOWN	ARDGLASS	114.9
DOWN	AUDLEYS ACRE	82.2
DOWN	BALLYMAGLAVE	163.0
DOWN	BALLYMOTE	150.7
DOWN	BALLYNAHINCH EAST	59.7
DOWN	CASTLEWELLAN	66.7
DOWN	CATHEDRAL	85.5
DOWN	CROSSGAR	78.4
DOWN	DERRYBOY	58.3
DOWN	DONARD	31.6

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DOWN	DRUMANESS	66.2
DOWN	DUNDRUM	58.1
DOWN	DUNMORE	60.3
DOWN	KILLOUGH	31.5
DOWN	KILLYLEAGH	146.7
DOWN	KILMORE	41.3
DOWN	MURLOUGH	137.9
DOWN	QUOILE	33.3
DOWN	SAINTFIELD	35.1
DOWN	SEAFORDE	98.2
DOWN	SHIMNA	49.4
DOWN	STRANGFORD	69.8
DOWN	TOLLYMORE	63.0
DUNGANNON	ALTMORE	33.0
DUNGANNON	AUGHER	66.7
DUNGANNON	AUGHNACLOY	61.0
DUNGANNON	BALLYGAWLEY	127.9
DUNGANNON	BALLYSAGGART	146.7
DUNGANNON	BENBURB	95.7
DUNGANNON	CALEDON	12.3
DUNGANNON	CASTLECAULFIELD	58.8
DUNGANNON	CLOGHER	83.3
DUNGANNON	COALISLAND NORTH	87.4
DUNGANNON	COALISLAND SOUTH	83.3
DUNGANNON	COALISLAND WEST AND NEWMILLS	172.4
DUNGANNON	COOLHILL	217.4
DUNGANNON	DONAGHMORE (DUNGANNON)	40.8
DUNGANNON	DRUMGLASS	133.3
DUNGANNON	FIVEMILETOWN	242.9
DUNGANNON	KILLYMAN	70.2
DUNGANNON	KILLYMEAL	93.0

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DUNGANNON	MOY	64.2
DUNGANNON	MOYGASHEL	80.0
DUNGANNON	MULLAGHMORE	62.5
DUNGANNON	WASHING BAY	57.1
FERMANAGH	BALLINAMALLARD	105.3
FERMANAGH	BELCOO AND GARRISON	94.7
FERMANAGH	BELLEEK AND BOA	125.0
FERMANAGH	BOHO CLEENISH AND LETTERBREEN	27.8
FERMANAGH	BROOKEBOROUGH	193.5
FERMANAGH	CASTLECOOLE	107.4
FERMANAGH	DERRYGONNELLY	101.3
FERMANAGH	DERRYLIN	45.5
FERMANAGH	DEVENISH	170.7
FERMANAGH	DONAGH	38.0
FERMANAGH	ERNE	104.7
FERMANAGH	FLORENCECOURT AND KINAWLEY	83.3
FERMANAGH	IRVINESTOWN	182.9
FERMANAGH	KESH EDERNEY AND LACK	82.0
FERMANAGH	LISBELLAW	82.6
FERMANAGH	LISNARRICK	93.8
FERMANAGH	LISNASKEA	169.5
FERMANAGH	MAGUIRESBRIDGE	119.7
FERMANAGH	NEWTOWNBUTLER	50.0
FERMANAGH	PORTORA	155.6
FERMANAGH	ROSSLEA	101.4
FERMANAGH	ROSSORRY	155.2
FERMANAGH	TEMPO	87.0
LARNE	ANTIVILLE	200.0
LARNE	BALLYCARRY	62.5
LARNE	BALLYLORAN	50.0

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LARNE	BLACKCAVE	136.4
LARNE	CARNCASTLE	30.9
LARNE	CARNLOUGH	74.6
LARNE	CENTRAL (LARNE)	172.4
LARNE	CRAIGY HILL	120.0
LARNE	GARDENMORE	28.6
LARNE	GLENARM	42.3
LARNE	GLYNN	31.7
LARNE	HARBOUR (LARNE)	57.1
LARNE	ISLAND MAGEE	48.2
LARNE	KILWAUGHTER	67.1
LARNE	TOWN PARKS	162.2
LIMAVADY	AGHANLOO	27.9
LIMAVADY	BALLYKELLY	125.0
LIMAVADY	COOLESSAN	142.9
LIMAVADY	DUNGIVEN	116.9
LIMAVADY	ENAGH (LIMAVADY)	94.3
LIMAVADY	FEENY	75.0
LIMAVADY	FOREST	44.1
LIMAVADY	GLACK	57.1
LIMAVADY	GRESTEEL	57.4
LIMAVADY	GREYSTONE (LIMAVADY)	148.1
LIMAVADY	MAGILLIGAN	35.1
LIMAVADY	RATHBRADY	96.8
LIMAVADY	ROESIDE	37.0
LIMAVADY	THE HIGHLANDS	78.4
LIMAVADY	UPPER GLENSHANE	79.5
LISBURN	BALLINDERRY	57.8
LISBURN	BALLYMACASH	38.5
LISBURN	BALLYMACBRENNAN	22.4
LISBURN	BALLYMACOSS	114.9
LISBURN	BLARIS	106.1



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LISBURN	COLLIN GLEN	132.9
LISBURN	DERRYAGHY	81.4
LISBURN	DROMARA	6.7
LISBURN	DRUMBO	42.6
LISBURN	DUNMURRY	39.8
LISBURN	GLENAVY	55.3
LISBURN	HARMONY HILL	86.0
LISBURN	HILDEN	68.2
LISBURN	HILLHALL	87.7
LISBURN	HILLSBOROUGH	49.0
LISBURN	KILWEE	112.1
LISBURN	KNOCKMORE	111.1
LISBURN	LAGAN VALLEY	155.2
LISBURN	LAMBEG	58.8
LISBURN	LISNAGARVY	46.2
LISBURN	MAGHABERRY	35.7
LISBURN	MAGHERALAVE	86.4
LISBURN	MAZE	40.0
LISBURN	MOIRA	44.4
LISBURN	OLD WARREN	207.5
LISBURN	POLEGLASS	162.0
LISBURN	SEYMOUR HILL	120.0
LISBURN	TONAGH	152.5
LISBURN	TWINBROOK	101.9
LISBURN	WALLACE PARK	88.2
MAGHERAFELT	BALLYMAGUIGAN	19.0
MAGHERAFELT	BELLAGHY	93.0
MAGHERAFELT	CASTLEDAWSON	80.5
MAGHERAFELT	DRAPERSTOWN	29.7
MAGHERAFELT	GLEBE (MAGHERAFELT)	48.1
MAGHERAFELT	GULLADUFF	22.5
MAGHERAFELT	KNOCKCLOGHRIM	47.1

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MAGHERAFELT	LECUMPHER	97.3
MAGHERAFELT	LOWER GLENSHANE	18.0
MAGHERAFELT	MAGHERA	42.9
MAGHERAFELT	SWATRAGH	46.2
MAGHERAFELT	TOBERMORE	80.0
MAGHERAFELT	TOWN PARKS EAST	96.4
MAGHERAFELT	TOWN PARKS WEST	122.4
MAGHERAFELT	UPPERLANDS	101.1
MAGHERAFELT	VALLEY (MAGHERAFELT)	34.1
MOYLE	ARMOY	90.9
MOYLE	BALLYLOUGH	33.3
MOYLE	BONAMARGY AND RATHLIN	52.6
MOYLE	BUSHMILLS	153.8
MOYLE	CARNMOON	80.0
MOYLE	DALRIADA	72.7
MOYLE	DUNSEVERICK	0.0
MOYLE	GLENAAN	100.0
MOYLE	GLENARIFF	11.0
MOYLE	GLENDUN	60.6
MOYLE	GLENSHESK	27.0
MOYLE	GLENTAISIE	116.3
MOYLE	KINBANE	0.0
MOYLE	KNOCKLAYD	60.0
MOYLE	MOSS-SIDE AND MOYARGET	37.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	ANNALONG	93.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	BALLYBOT	200.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	BESSBROOK	216.2
NEWRY & MOURNE	BINNIAN	44.1
NEWRY & MOURNE	BURREN AND KILBRONEY	35.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	CAMLOUGH	60.8
NEWRY & MOURNE	CLONALLAN	107.8
NEWRY & MOURNE	CREGGAN	47.2

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NEWRY & MOURNE	CROSSMAGLEN	38.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	DAISY HILL	98.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	DERRYLECKAGH	48.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	DERRYMORE	141.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	DONAGHMORE (NEWRY AND MOURNE)	22.1
NEWRY & MOURNE	DRUMALANE	117.0
NEWRY & MOURNE	DRUMGULLION	83.3
NEWRY & MOURNE	FATHOM	146.2
NEWRY & MOURNE	FORKHILL	106.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	KILKEEL CENTRAL	138.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	KILKEEL SOUTH	142.9
NEWRY & MOURNE	LISNACREE	46.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	MAYOBRIDGE	83.3
NEWRY & MOURNE	NEWTOWNHAMILTON	64.5
NEWRY & MOURNE	ROSTREVOR	94.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	SEAVIEW	55.6
NEWRY & MOURNE	SILVER BRIDGE	30.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	SPELGA	52.2
NEWRY & MOURNE	ST MARYS	22.7
NEWRY & MOURNE	ST PATRICKS	80.8
NEWRY & MOURNE	TULLYHAPPY	36.4
NEWRY & MOURNE	WINDSOR HILL	94.1
NEWTOWNABBEY	ABBEY	80.6
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYCLARE NORTH	121.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYCLARE SOUTH	60.2
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYDUFF	173.3
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYHENRY	115.9
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYNURE	64.5
NEWTOWNABBEY	BALLYROBERT	94.0
NEWTOWNABBEY	BURNTHILL	147.1
NEWTOWNABBEY	CARNMONEY	109.1

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NEWTOWNABBEY	CLOUGHFERN	126.8
NEWTOWNABBEY	COLLINBRIDGE	40.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	COOLE	250.0
NEWTOWNABBEY	DOAGH	59.4
NEWTOWNABBEY	DUNANNEY	138.9
NEWTOWNABBEY	GLEBE (NEWTOWNABBEY)	48.0
NEWTOWNABBEY	GLENGORMLEY	194.8
NEWTOWNABBEY	HAWTHORNE	90.9
NEWTOWNABBEY	HIGHTOWN	105.3
NEWTOWNABBEY	JORDANSTOWN	45.9
NEWTOWNABBEY	MALLUSK	57.6
NEWTOWNABBEY	MONKSTOWN	164.2
NEWTOWNABBEY	MOSSLEY	135.8
NEWTOWNABBEY	ROSTULLA	37.7
NEWTOWNABBEY	VALLEY (NEWTOWNABBEY)	132.5
NEWTOWNABBEY	WHITEHOUSE	210.5
NORTH DOWN	BALLYCROCHAN	66.4
NORTH DOWN	BALLYHOLME	58.8
NORTH DOWN	BALLYMACONNELL	75.0
NORTH DOWN	BALLYMAGEE	67.2
NORTH DOWN	BANGOR CASTLE	140.0
NORTH DOWN	BLOOMFIELD (NORTH DOWN)	110.1
NORTH DOWN	BROADWAY	59.7
NORTH DOWN	BRYANSBURN	35.7
NORTH DOWN	CHURCHILL	133.3
NORTH DOWN	CLANDEBOYE	95.8
NORTH DOWN	CONLIG	108.4
NORTH DOWN	CRAIGAVAD	26.0
NORTH DOWN	CRAWFORDSBURN	68.5
NORTH DOWN	CULTRA	28.2
NORTH DOWN	DUFFERIN	102.0
NORTH DOWN	GROOMSPORT	20.8

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NORTH DOWN	HARBOUR (NORTH DOWN)	41.7
NORTH DOWN	HOLYWOOD DEMESNE	26.0
NORTH DOWN	HOLYWOOD PRIORY	58.1
NORTH DOWN	LOUGHVIEW	181.8
NORTH DOWN	PRINCETOWN	27.4
NORTH DOWN	RATHGAEL	137.3
NORTH DOWN	SILVERSTREAM	178.6
NORTH DOWN	SPRING HILL	92.3
NORTH DOWN	WHITEHILL	232.6
OMAGH	BERAGH	80.0
OMAGH	CAMOWEN	98.6
OMAGH	CLANABOGAN	86.6
OMAGH	COOLNAGARD	130.4
OMAGH	DERGMONEY	85.1
OMAGH	DROMORE	139.5
OMAGH	DRUMNAKILLY	93.2
OMAGH	DRUMQUIN	74.1
OMAGH	DRUMRAGH	109.1
OMAGH	FAIRY WATER	22.0
OMAGH	FINTONA	236.1
OMAGH	GORTIN	52.6
OMAGH	GORTRUSH	168.5
OMAGH	KILLYCLOGHER	58.8
OMAGH	LISANELLY	160.0
OMAGH	NEWTOWNSAVILLE	87.0
OMAGH	OWENKILLEW	101.0
OMAGH	SIXMILECROSS	92.1
OMAGH	STRULE	200.0
OMAGH	TERMON	31.9
OMAGH	TRILLICK	68.5
STRABANE	ARTIGARVAN	105.9
STRABANE	BALLYCOLMAN	193.0

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STRABANE	CASTLEDERG	118.6
STRABANE	CLARE	87.9
STRABANE	DUNNAMANAGH	61.0
STRABANE	EAST	291.7
STRABANE	FINN	113.4
STRABANE	GLENDERG	152.9
STRABANE	NEWTOWNSTEWART	114.3
STRABANE	NORTH	76.9
STRABANE	PLUMBRIDGE	24.1
STRABANE	SION MILLS	85.7
STRABANE	SLIEVEKIRK	108.1
STRABANE	SOUTH	104.0
STRABANE	VICTORIA BRIDGE	84.3
STRABANE	WEST	106.2
<b>North of Ireland</b>		<b>89.8</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.