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ANSWER

(i) Due to resource issues within the Department of Education, Analytical Services Unit, attendance data for the academic year 2018/19 were not processed and published. It is envisaged that attendance data for the academic year 2019/20 will be processed and published in January 2021.

I have arranged for comparable data for 2017/18 to be placed in the Assembly Library.

(ii) I launched the pupil attendance strategy “Miss School = Miss Out”¹ in December 2016 which provides a strategic framework for all the work that goes into maximising pupil attendance at schools. The four key themes identified

¹ Accessible at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/miss-school-miss-out>

within that strategy continue to be relevant today; strategic leadership; early intervention; tailored support and collaboration and engagement.

Actions are being progressed in numerous ways by the Department of Education, Education Authority, Education Welfare Service, schools, families and children.

A case studies good practice guide “The Challenge of Improving Pupil Attendance at School” was published by the Department in December 2018².

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Weir".

Peter Weir MLA

² Accessible at <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/The%20Challenge%20of%20Improving%20Pupil%20Attendance%20at%20School%20-%20Case%20Studies%20Paper.pdf>

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(a) Pupil enrolments in primary schools with less than 85 per cent attendance; rate per thousand by constituency, 2017/18.

Constituency	Rate per thousand
BELFAST EAST	62.9
BELFAST NORTH	83.1
BELFAST SOUTH	57.1
BELFAST WEST	100.6
EAST ANTRIM	35.3
EAST LONDONDERRY	32.3
FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE	43.6
FOYLE	60.4
LAGAN VALLEY	36.5
MID ULSTER	43.0
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	50.4
NORTH ANTRIM	44.9
NORTH DOWN	40.4
SOUTH ANTRIM	42.7
SOUTH DOWN	41.2
STRANGFORD	48.3
UPPER BANN	53.9
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NORTHERN IRELAND	51.5

Notes to table

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3. 2008 Assembly constituency areas.

(b) Pupil enrolments in primary schools with less than 85 per cent attendance; rate per thousand by electoral ward by constituency, 2017/18

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
BELFAST EAST	BALLYHACKAMORE	21.6
	BALLYHANWOOD	*
	BALLYMACARRETT	108.2
	BELMONT	64.5
	BLOOMFIELD (BELFAST)	88.5
	CARROWREAGH	47.9
	CHERRYVALLEY	30.1
	CREGAGH	59.7
	DOWNSHIRE	*
	DUNDONALD	62.7
	ENLER	126.5
	GILNAHIRK	29
	GRAHAMS BRIDGE	69.4
	ISLAND	124.2
	KNOCK	40.9
	LISNASHARRAGH	75.8
	LOWER BRANIEL	28.4
	ORANGEFIELD	38.4
	STORMONT	*
	SYDENHAM	52.6
THE MOUNT	136.9	
TULLYCARNET	110.6	
UPPER BRANIEL	38.5	
BELFAST NORTH	ABBAY	60.7
	ARDOYNE	99.6
	BALLYHENRY	54.9
	BALLYSILLAN	85.7
	BELLEVUE	74.3
	CASTLEVIEW	51.9
	CAVEHILL	15.2
	CHICHESTER PARK	77.5
	CLIFTONVILLE	84
	CLOUGHFERN	50.5
	COLLINBRIDGE	23.1
	COOLE	89.7
	CRUMLIN (BELFAST)	146.2
	DUNANNEY	110.3
DUNCAIRN	99.6	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
BELFAST SOUTH	FORTWILLIAM	52.8
	GLEBE (NEWTOWNABBEY)	16.2
	GLENGORMLEY	72.6
	HIGHTOWN	61.9
	LEGONIEL	68.7
	NEW LODGE	91.4
	VALLEY (NEWTOWNABBEY)	99.5
	WATER WORKS	132.9
	WHITEHOUSE	46.1
	WOODVALE	178
	BALLYNAFEIGH	67.2
	BEECHILL	37.6
	BLACKSTAFF	135.7
	BOTANIC	201
	CAIRNSHILL	*
	CARRYDUFF EAST	17.3
	CARRYDUFF WEST	19.2
	FINAGHY	18.5
	GALWALLY	*
	HILLFOOT	*
	KNOCKBRACKEN	18.6
	MALONE	*
	MINNOWBURN	83.8
	MUSGRAVE	29.6
	NEWTOWNBREDA	29
	RAVENHILL	46.2
	ROSETTA	13
	SHAFTESBURY	101.4
	STRANMILLIS	18.1
	UPPER MALONE	47.8
	WINDSOR	118.5
	WOODSTOCK	156.1
WYNCHURCH	48.9	
BELFAST WEST	ANDERSONSTOWN	89.3
	BEECHMOUNT	155.6
	CLONARD	117
	COLLIN GLEN	116.9
	DERRYAGHY	53.7
	DUNMURRY	37.1
	FALLS	103.3
	FALLS PARK	80.3
GLEN ROAD	50.6	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
EAST ANTRIM	GLENCAIRN	108.2
	GLENCOLIN	79.9
	HIGHFIELD	71.7
	KILWEE	71.4
	LADYBROOK	65.8
	POLEGLASS	108.3
	SHANKILL	212.3
	TWINBROOK	111.9
	UPPER SPRINGFIELD	103.1
	WHITEROCK	176.8
	ANTIVILLE	64.2
	BALLYCARRY	34.6
	BALLYLORAN	116.1
	BLACKCAVE	88.4
	BLACKHEAD	56.3
	BLUEFIELD	0
	BONEYBEFORE	*
	BURLEIGH HILL	*
	CARNCASTLE	*
	CARNLOUGH	29.6
	CENTRAL (LARNE)	96.8
	CLIPPERSTOWN	64.9
	CRAIGY HILL	*
	EDEN	27.9
	GARDENMORE	46.3
	GLENAAN	*
	GLENARIFF	49.7
	GLENARM	45.5
	GLENDUN	*
	GLYNN	*
	GORTALEE	66.2
	GREENISLAND	47.6
	HARBOUR (LARNE)	65
	ISLAND MAGEE	25.4
	JORDANSTOWN	*
	KILLYCROT	65.2
KILWAUGHTER	19.4	
KNOCKAGH	0	
LOVE LANE	65	
MILEBUSH	*	
MONKSTOWN	33.9	
NORTHLAND	73	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
EAST LONDONDERRY	ROSTULLA	36.2
	SUNNYLANDS	58.3
	TOWN PARKS	98.9
	VICTORIA (CARRICKFERGUS)	28.1
	WHITEHEAD	*
	WOODBURN	*
	AGHANLOO	25.9
	AGIVEY	*
	ATLANTIC	101.2
	BALLYKELLY	32.9
	BALLYSALLY	41.4
	BANAGHER	13.6
	CASTLEROCK	66.7
	CENTRAL (COLERAINE)	75.5
	CHURCHLAND	37.6
	CLAUDY	18.2
	COOLESSAN	39.7
	CROSS GLEBE	42.1
	DUNDOOAN	26.4
	DUNGIVEN	41.5
	DUNLUCE	*
	ENAGH (LIMAVADY)	41.3
	FEENY	34.6
	FOREST	*
	GARVAGH	17.1
	GLACK	*
	GRESTEEL	30
	GREYSTONE (LIMAVADY)	84.7
	HOPEFIELD	36.3
	KILREA	*
	KNOCKLYNN	33.3
	MACOSQUIN	30
	MAGILLIGAN	*
MOUNT SANDEL	54.8	
PORTSTEWART	74.5	
RATHBRADY	94.1	
RINGSEND	21	
ROESIDE	47.6	
ROYAL PORTRUSH	87	
STRAND (COLERAINE)	*	
THE CUTS	27	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE	THE HIGHLANDS	*
	UNIVERSITY	*
	UPPER GLENSHANE	27
	WATERSIDE	*
	AUGHER	*
	AUGHNACLOY	30.6
	BALLINAMALLARD	*
	BALLYGAWLEY	22.2
	BALLYSAGGART	118.3
	BELCOO AND GARRISON	24.5
	BELLEEK AND BOA	65.8
	BENBURB	21.9
	BOHO CLEENISH AND LETTERBREEN	24.5
	BROOKEBOROUGH	23.4
	CALEDON	*
	CASTLECAULFIELD	*
	CASTLECOOLE	90.7
	CLOGHER	28.3
	COOLHILL	75.3
	DERRYGONNELLY	33.2
	DERRYLIN	27.6
	DEVENISH	95.9
	DONAGH	28.8
	DRUMGLASS	68.8
	ERNE	118.8
	FIVEMILETOWN	58.5
	FLORENCECOURT AND KINAWLEY	23.3
	IRVINESTOWN	60.9
	KESH EDERNEY AND LACK	40.1
	KILLYMAN	22
	KILLYMEAL	55.7
	LISBELLAW	15.9
	LISNARRICK	*
LISNASKEA	56.4	
MAGUIRESBRIDGE	26.7	
MOY	51.3	
MOYGASHEL	78.3	
MULLAGHMORE	87.7	
NEWTOWNBUTLER	48.5	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
FOYLE	PORTORA	49.4
	ROSSLEA	29.4
	ROSSORRY	47.8
	TEMPO	*
	ALTNAGELVIN	30.2
	BALLYNASHALLOG	35.2
	BEECHWOOD	56.8
	BRANDYWELL	66
	CARN HILL	62.3
	CAW	58
	CLONDERMOT	52
	CREGGAN CENTRAL	114.9
	CREGGAN SOUTH	74.9
	CREVAGH	77.5
	CULMORE	72.8
	EBRINGTON	121.8
	EGLINTON	19.4
	ENAGH (DERRY)	38.7
	FOYLE SPRINGS	33
	HOLLY MOUNT	31.3
	KILFENNAN	47.1
	LISNAGELVIN	56.8
	NEW BUILDINGS	32.5
	PENNYBURN	33.3
	ROSEMOUNT	71.4
	SHANTALLOW EAST	87.9
	SHANTALLOW WEST	80.6
	SPRINGTOWN	92.3
	STRAND (DERRY)	*
	THE DIAMOND	83.3
	VICTORIA (DERRY)	48.5
	WESTLAND	67.2
LAGAN VALLEY	BALLINDERRY	25.5
	BALLYMACASH	28.8
	BALLYMACBRENNAN	*
	BALLYMACOSS	49.1
	BLARIS	*
	DERRYAGHY	39.9
	DROMARA	27.3
	DROMORE NORTH	*
	DROMORE SOUTH	14.8
	DRUMBO	28

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
MID ULSTER	GRANSHA	16.4
	HARMONY HILL	29.2
	HILDEN	51.9
	HILLHALL	53.3
	HILLSBOROUGH	*
	KNOCKMORE	57.4
	LAGAN VALLEY	99.6
	LAMBEG	58.8
	LISNAGARVY	51.7
	MAGHABERRY	25
	MAGHERALAVE	32.5
	MAZE	27
	MOIRA	25.2
	OLD WARREN	102.9
	QUILLY	*
	SEYMOUR HILL	32.9
	TONAGH	67.5
	WALLACE PARK	*
	ALTMORE	23.3
	ARDBOE	15
	BALLYMAGUIGAN	24.6
	BELLAGHY	*
	CASTLEDAWSON	22.3
	COAGH	*
	COALISLAND NORTH	76.5
	COALISLAND SOUTH	139.9
	COALISLAND WEST AND NEWMILLS	138
	DONAGHMORE (DUNGANNON)	21.3
	DRAPERSTOWN	63
	DUNNAMORE	*
	GLEBE (MAGHERAFELT)	73
	GORTALOWRY	38.3
	GULLADUFF	29.5
	KILLYCOLPY	27.3
KILLYMOON	77.3	
KNOCKCLOGHRIM	38.1	
LECUMPHER	24.1	
LISSAN	55	
LOWER GLENSHANE	*	
MAGHERA	47.8	
MONEYMORE	52.5	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	NEWBUILDINGS	83.3
	OAKLANDS	28.7
	OLDTOWN	63.4
	POMEROY	22.8
	SANDHOLES	67.7
	STEWARTSTOWN	*
	SWATRAGH	12.8
	THE LOOP	27.5
	TOBERMORE	23.1
	TOWN PARKS EAST	60.8
	TOWN PARKS WEST	68.5
	TULLAGH	79.8
	UPPERLANDS	*
	VALLEY (MAGHERAFELT)	36.1
	WASHING BAY	*
	ABBAY PARK	70.9
	BALLYBOT	136.4
	BALLYMARTRIM	34.2
	BESSBROOK	86.6
	CALLAN BRIDGE	202.9
	CAMLOUGH	19.5
	CARRIGATUKE	16.8
	CHARLEMONT	*
	CREGGAN	34.7
	CROSSMAGLEN	41.2
	DAISY HILL	84
	DEMESNE	58.3
	DERRYMORE	51.2
	DERRYNOOSE	37
	DOWNS	74.5
	DRUMALANE	63.8
	DRUMGULLION	116.7
	FATHOM	87.5
	FORKHILL	22
HAMILTONSBAWN	*	
HOCKLEY	*	
KEADY	82.8	
KILLEEN	23.1	
KILLYLEA	*	
LAURELVALE	47.8	
LOUGHGALL	*	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
NORTH ANTRIM	MARKETHILL	29.9
	MILFORD	27.1
	NEWTOWNHAMILTON	62.5
	OBSERVATORY	60.5
	POYNTZ PASS	30.9
	RICH HILL	*
	SILVER BRIDGE	22.2
	ST MARYS	66.4
	ST PATRICKS	76.5
	TANDRAGEE	71.2
	THE MALL	143.6
	TULLYHAPPY	16.2
	WINDSOR HILL	35.6
	ACADEMY	53.7
	AHOGHILL	22.3
	ARDEEVIN	29.1
	ARMOY	*
	BALLEE	73.9
	BALLYHOE AND CORKEY	*
	BALLYKEEL	56.3
	BALLYLOUGH	*
	BALLYLOUGHAN	*
	BENVARDIN	26.3
	BONAMARGY AND RATHLIN	*
	BROUGHSHANE	37.2
	BUSHMILLS	98
	CARNANY	*
	CARNMOON	0
	CASTLE DEMESNE	192.5
	CLOGH MILLS	61
	CRAIGYWARREN	*
	CULLYBACKEY	47.6
	DALRIADA	*
	DERVOCK	*
DUNCLUG	162	
DUNLOY	41	
DUNMINNING	*	
DUNSEVERICK	*	
FAIR GREEN	84.3	
FAIRHILL	39.8	
GALGORM	*	
GLEBE (BALLYMONEY)	78.7	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
NORTH DOWN	GLENRAVEL	29.3
	GLENSHESK	*
	GLENTAISIE	82.2
	GLENWHIRRY	42.3
	GRANGE	12.5
	HARRYVILLE	140
	KELLS	29.5
	KILLOQUIN LOWER	*
	KILLOQUIN UPPER	71
	KINBANE	*
	KNOCKAHOLET	44.2
	KNOCKLAYD	58.8
	MOAT	80.7
	MOSS-SIDE AND MOYARGET	93.8
	NEWHILL	43.5
	PARK	123.1
	PORTGLENONE	22.4
	ROUTE	*
	SEACON	18.4
	SLEMISH	*
	STRANOCUM	*
	SUMMERFIELD	51.3
	THE VOW	*
	BALLYCROCHAN	*
	BALLYHOLME	*
	BALLYMACONNELL	*
	BALLYMAGEE	26.5
	BANGOR CASTLE	67.6
	BLOOMFIELD (NORTH DOWN)	44.2
	BROADWAY	*
	BRYANSBURN	*
	CHURCHILL	*
	CLANDEBOYE	85.6
	CONLIG	51.9
	CRAIGAVAD	*
	CRAWFORDSBURN	44.4
	CULTRA	*
	DONAGHADEE NORTH	26.3
	DONAGHADEE SOUTH	77.3
	DUFFERIN	71.1
GROOMSPORT	*	
HARBOUR (NORTH DOWN)	56.3	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
SOUTH ANTRIM	HOLYWOOD DEMESNE	*
	HOLYWOOD PRIORY	*
	LOUGHVIEW	70.7
	MILLISLE	25.7
	PRINCETOWN	*
	RATHGAEL	30.9
	SILVERSTREAM	89.1
	SPRING HILL	45.1
	WHITEHILL	73.6
	ALDERGROVE	34
	BALLOO	82.6
	BALLYCLARE NORTH	48.4
	BALLYCLARE SOUTH	34.3
	BALLYCRAIGY	37
	BALLYDUFF	61.4
	BALLYNURE	*
	BALLYROBERT	19.2
	BURNTHILL	35.5
	CARNMONEY	67.9
	CLADY	36.1
	CRANFIELD	*
	CRUMLIN (ANTRIM)	48.4
	DOAGH	14
	DRUMANAWAY	61.9
	FARRANSHANE	74.1
	FOUNTAIN HILL	130.7
	GLENAVY	23.7
	GREYSTONE (ANTRIM)	93.2
	HAWTHORNE	89.3
	MALLUSK	22.7
	MASSEREENE	46.4
	MOSSLEY	98.6
	PARKGATE	*
RANDALSTOWN	25.1	
SHILVODAN	34.4	
SPRINGFARM	75	
STEEPLE	38	
STILES	107	
TEMPLEPATRICK	*	
TOOME	21.7	
SOUTH DOWN	ANNALONG	*
	ARDGLASS	40.4

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
STRANGFORD	AUDLEYS ACRE	44.2
	BALLYMOTE	89.9
	BALLYWARD	13.6
	BANNSIDE	20.5
	BINNIAN	39.5
	BURREN AND KILBRONEY	23.8
	CASTLEWELLAN	76.2
	CATHEDRAL	81
	CLONALLAN	46.8
	CROSSGAR	20.5
	DERRYLECKAGH	20.1
	DONAGHMORE (NEWRY AND MOURNE)	28.3
	DONARD	43.7
	DRUMANESS	42.2
	DUNDRUM	32.1
	DUNMORE	26.8
	KATESBRIDGE	35.8
	KILKEEL CENTRAL	83.6
	KILKEEL SOUTH	55.4
	KILLOUGH	46.4
	LISNACREE	16.5
	MAYOBRIDGE	28.4
	MURLOUGH	124.5
	QUOILE	64.3
	RATHFRILAND	29.4
	ROSTREVOR	29.2
	SEAFORDE	27
	SEAVIEW	66.1
	SHIMNA	86.6
	SPELGA	28
	STRANGFORD	15.2
	TOLLYMORE	17.2
	BALLYGOWAN	22.4
	BALLYMAGLAVE	32.8
BALLYNAHINCH EAST	*	
BALLYRAINEY	102	
BALLYWALTER	79.5	
BRADSHAWS BRAE	19.8	
CARROWDORE	25.7	
CENTRAL (ARDS)	104.4	
COMBER EAST	71.4	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
UPPER BANN	COMBER NORTH	31.7
	COMBER WEST	25.5
	DERRYBOY	31.3
	GLEN	67.1
	GREGSTOWN	116.6
	KILLINCHY	*
	KILLYLEAGH	52.6
	KILMORE	*
	KIRCUBBIN	26.1
	LISBANE	*
	LOUGHRIES	66.4
	MONEYREAGH	*
	MOVILLA	43.4
	PORTAFERRY	45.8
	PORTAVOGIE	64.3
	SAINTFIELD	*
	SCRABO	108
	WHITESPOTS	61.5
	AGHAGALLON	21.3
	ANNAGH	100.3
	BALLYBAY	103.2
	BALLYDOWN	24.8
	BALLYORAN	58.5
	BANBRIDGE WEST	48.2
	BLEARY	27.9
	BROWNSTOWN	48.3
	CHURCH	123.1
	CORCRAIN	114
	COURT	101.6
	DERRYTRASNA	26.3
	DONAGHCLONEY	29.1
	DRUMGASK	70.2
	DRUMGOR	112.3
	DRUMNAMOE	62.2
EDENDERRY (BANBRIDGE)	65.3	
EDENDERRY (CRAIGAVON)	75.6	
FORT	53.3	
GILFORD	42.1	
KERNAN	43.7	
KILLYCOMAIN	78.5	
KNOCKNASHANE	37.5	
LAWRENCETOWN	21.4	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
WEST TYRONE	LOUGHBRICKLAND	30.8
	MAGHERALIN	30.1
	MOURNEVIEW	79.8
	PARKLAKE	43.5
	SEAPATRICK	29.4
	TAGHNEVAN	30.8
	TAVANAGH	103.7
	THE BIRCHES	35.6
	THE CUT	82.7
	WARINGSTOWN	*
	WOODVILLE	95.5
	ARTIGARVAN	28.4
	BALLYCOLMAN	42.7
	BERAGH	35
	CAMOWEN	55.2
	CASTLEDERG	61
	CLANABOGAN	14.2
	CLARE	28
	COOLNAGARD	50.7
	DERGMONEY	*
	DROMORE	28.9
	DRUMNAKILLY	19
	DRUMQUIN	*
	DRUMRAGH	74.8
	DUNNAMANAGH	45
	EAST	220.1
	FAIRY WATER	*
	FINN	32.8
	FINTONA	34.1
	GLENDERG	54.3
	GORTIN	*
	GORTRUSH	40.7
	KILLYCLOGHER	76.2
	LISANELLY	115.1
NEWTOWNSAVILLE	*	
NEWTOWNSTEWART	44	
NORTH	64	
OWENKILLEW	24.5	
PLUMBRIDGE	*	
SION MILLS	59.1	
SIXMILECROSS	*	
SLIEVEKIRK	28.8	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
	SOUTH	81.5
	STRULE	48.8
	TERMON	*
	TRILLICK	0
	VICTORIA BRIDGE	*
	WEST	26.3
NORTHERN IRELAND		51.5

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