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To ask the Minister of Education to detail (i) the rate per thousand of fifteen to seventeen year old pupils with a less than 85 percent attendance in 2018/19, broken down by (a) constituency; (b) electoral ward by constituency; and (ii) any action being taken to reduce the levels of absenteeism.

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.



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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 aged 15 to 17 years with less than 85 per cent attendance; rate per thousand by constituency, 2017/18

CONSTITUENCY	RATE PER THOUSAND
BELFAST EAST	104.0
BELFAST NORTH	118.8
BELFAST SOUTH	69.9
BELFAST WEST	130.7
EAST ANTRIM	79.7
EAST LONDONDERRY	87.9
FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE	89.2
FOYLE	103.2
LAGAN VALLEY	72.0
MID ULSTER	84.8
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	115.7
NORTH ANTRIM	95.3
NORTH DOWN	79.2
SOUTH ANTRIM	89.4
SOUTH DOWN	86.9
STRANGFORD	93.2
UPPER BANN	123.4
WEST TYRONE	103.3
NORTHERN IRELAND	97.0

Notes to table.

1. It was not possible to assign a geography to 225 pupil enrolments aged 15 – 17 years.
2. The 2018/19 School Census incorporated attendance returns for the academic year 2017/18.
3. 2008 Assembly constituency areas.

Pupil enrolments aged 15 to 17 years 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	94.3
	BALLYHANWOOD	*
	BALLYMACARRETT	177.6
	BELMONT	90.9
	BLOOMFIELD (BELFAST)	107.1
	CARROWREAGH	81.6
	CHERRYVALLEY	77.5
	CREGAGH	195.7
	DOWNSHIRE	102
	DUNDONALD	89.9
	ENLER	96.2
	GILNAHIRK	*
	GRAHAMS BRIDGE	170.7
	ISLAND	184.2
	KNOCK	69.3
	LISNASHARRAGH	*
	LOWER BRANIEL	125
	ORANGEFIELD	94.8
	STORMONT	*
	SYDENHAM	108.7
THE MOUNT	295.9	
TULLYCARNET	*	
UPPER BRANIEL	*	
BELFAST NORTH	ABBEY	145.5
	ARDOYNE	156.8
	BALLYHENRY	107.1
	BALLYSILLAN	111.8
	BELLEVUE	85.5
	CASTLEVIEW	70.2
	CAVEHILL	38
	CHICHESTER PARK	142.9
	CLIFTONVILLE	140.2
	CLOUGHFERN	128.2
	COLLINBRIDGE	65.4
	COOLE	*
	CRUMLIN (BELFAST)	175.6
	DUNANNEY	*
	DUNCAIRN	114.9
	FORTWILLIAM	76.9

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
BELFAST SOUTH	GLEBE (NEWTOWNABBEY)	85.4
	GLENGORMLEY	147.5
	HIGHTOWN	189.2
	LEGONIEL	105.3
	NEW LODGE	129.6
	VALLEY (NEWTOWNABBEY)	150.7
	WATER WORKS	167.5
	WHITEHOUSE	*
	WOODVALE	146.7
	BALLYNAFEIGH	69.8
	BEECHILL	54.9
	BLACKSTAFF	200
	BOTANIC	156.3
	CAIRNSHILL	42.7
	CARRYDUFF EAST	92.6
	CARRYDUFF WEST	*
	FINAGHY	*
	GALWALLY	*
	HILLFOOT	*
	KNOCKBRACKEN	*
	MALONE	50
	MINNOWBURN	155.6
	MUSGRAVE	55.6
	NEWTOWNBREDA	*
	RAVENHILL	59.3
	ROSETTA	51.1
SHAFTESBURY	106.8	
STRANMILLIS	50.6	
UPPER MALONE	67.2	
WINDSOR	146.7	
WOODSTOCK	223.9	
WYNCHURCH	*	
BELFAST WEST	ANDERSONSTOWN	133.3
	BEECHMOUNT	145.9
	CLONARD	164.6
	COLLIN GLEN	156.3
	DERRYAGHY	78.5
	DUNMURRY	*
	FALLS	252.2
	FALLS PARK	83.3

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
EAST ANTRIM	GLEN ROAD	98.3
	GLENCAIRN	107.5
	GLENCOLIN	160.4
	HIGHFIELD	154.4
	KILWEE	107.1
	LADYBROOK	76.2
	POLEGLASS	150.4
	SHANKILL	236.6
	TWINBROOK	146.1
	UPPER SPRINGFIELD	163.7
	WHITEROCK	157.9
	ANTIVILLE	363.6
	BALLYCARRY	*
	BALLYLORAN	294.1
	BLACKCAVE	272.7
	BLACKHEAD	*
	BLUEFIELD	*
	BONEYBEFORE	*
	BURLEIGH HILL	166.7
	CARNCASTLE	58.1
	CARNLOUGH	*
	CENTRAL (LARNE)	266.7
	CLIPPERSTOWN	*
	CRAIGY HILL	304.3
	EDEN	*
	GARDENMORE	*
	GLENAAN	*
	GLENARIFF	*
	GLENARM	89.3
	GLENDUN	0
	GLYNN	*
	GORTALEE	*
	GREENISLAND	*
	HARBOUR (LARNE)	166.7
	ISLAND MAGEE	122
	JORDANSTOWN	35.2
KILLYCROT	*	
KILWAUGHTER	74.7	
KNOCKAGH	*	
LOVE LANE	*	
MILEBUSH	*	
MONKSTOWN	87.9	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
EAST LONDONDERRY	NORTHLAND	*
	ROSTULLA	*
	SUNNYLANDS	0
	TOWN PARKS	*
	VICTORIA (CARRICKFERGUS)	*
	WHITEHEAD	*
	WOODBURN	116.3
	AGHANLOO	88.6
	AGIVEY	98.4
	ATLANTIC	200
	BALLYKELLY	*
	BALLYSALLY	185.2
	BANAGHER	43.5
	CASTLEROCK	90.9
	CENTRAL (COLERAINE)	*
	CHURCHLAND	220
	CLAUDY	*
	COOLESSAN	321.4
	CROSS GLEBE	144.9
	DUNDOOAN	131.9
	DUNGIVEN	79.4
	DUNLUCE	*
	ENAGH (LIMAVADY)	122.4
	FEENY	*
	FOREST	*
	GARVAGH	*
	GLACK	*
	GRESTEEL	64.8
	GREYSTONE (LIMAVADY)	*
	HOPEFIELD	115.8
	KILREA	*
	KNOCKLYNN	93.5
	MACOSQUIN	*
	MAGILLIGAN	*
MOUNT SANDEL	206.9	
PORTSTEWART	*	
RATHBRADY	*	
RINGSEND	*	
ROESIDE	0	
ROYAL PORTRUSH	250	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE	STRAND (COLERAINE)	*
	THE CUTS	88.5
	THE HIGHLANDS	*
	UNIVERSITY	227.3
	UPPER GLENSHANE	*
	WATERSIDE	*
	AUGHER	100
	AUGHNACLOY	67.4
	BALLINAMALLARD	53.2
	BALLYGAWLEY	64.5
	BALLYSAGGART	171.1
	BELCOO AND GARRISON	86.2
	BELLEEK AND BOA	121.6
	BENBURB	71.4
	BOHO CLEENISH AND LETTERBREEN	131.6
	BROOKEBOROUGH	61
	CALEDON	122
	CASTLECAULFIELD	*
	CASTLECOOLE	126.1
	CLOGHER	100
	COOLHILL	*
	DERRYGONNELLY	92.1
	DERRYLIN	73.2
	DEVENISH	176.5
	DONAGH	*
	DRUMGLASS	*
	ERNE	175.7
	FIVEMILETOWN	222.2
	FLORENCECOURT AND KINAWLEY	78.7
	IRVINESTOWN	73.5
	KESH EDERNEY AND LACK	96.2
	KILLYMAN	*
	KILLYMEAL	*
	LISBELLAW	92.6
LISNARRICK	127.7	
LISNASKEA	100	
MAGUIRESBRIDGE	72.9	
MOY	66	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
FOYLE	MOYGASHEL	*
	MULLAGHMORE	66.7
	NEWTOWNBUTLER	*
	PORTORA	195.1
	ROSSLEA	*
	ROSSORRY	106.1
	TEMPO	84.3
	ALTNAGELVIN	123.1
	BALLYNASHALLOG	*
	BEECHWOOD	96.4
	BRANDYWELL	202.9
	CARN HILL	164.6
	CAW	152.2
	CLONDERMOT	61
	CREGGAN CENTRAL	171.7
	CREGGAN SOUTH	202.2
	CREVAGH	145.4
	CULMORE	59.9
	EBRINGTON	206.9
	EGLINTON	36.8
	ENAGH (DERRY)	54.2
	FOYLE SPRINGS	79.6
	HOLLY MOUNT	42.7
	KILFENNAN	*
	LISNAGELVIN	*
	NEW BUILDINGS	85.4
	PENNYBURN	*
	ROSEMOUNT	188.7
	SHANTALLOW EAST	168.4
	SHANTALLOW WEST	146.5
	SPRINGTOWN	98.9
	STRAND (DERRY)	*
	THE DIAMOND	148.9
VICTORIA (DERRY)	123.1	
WESTLAND	112.9	
LAGAN VALLEY	BALLINDERRY	59.6
	BALLYMACASH	51.3
	BALLYMACBRENNAN	*
	BALLYMACOSS	62.5
	BLARIS	68.5
	DERRYAGHY	51
	DROMARA	78

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
MID ULSTER	DROMORE NORTH	115.4
	DROMORE SOUTH	85.9
	DRUMBO	*
	GRANSHA	74.8
	HARMONY HILL	92.1
	HILDEN	128.6
	HILLHALL	93.3
	HILLSBOROUGH	54.3
	KNOCKMORE	127.9
	LAGAN VALLEY	125
	LAMBEG	104.2
	LISNAGARVY	79.4
	MAGHABERRY	51.3
	MAGHERALAVE	*
	MAZE	*
	MOIRA	69.8
	OLD WARREN	141
	QUILLY	*
	SEYMOUR HILL	150.9
	TONAGH	98
	WALLACE PARK	*
	ALTMORE	67.6
	ARDBOE	105.3
	BALLYMAGUIGAN	*
	BELLAGHY	*
	CASTLEDAWSON	81.4
	COAGH	*
	COALISLAND NORTH	87.7
	COALISLAND SOUTH	114.3
	COALISLAND WEST AND NEWMILLS	169
	DONAGHMORE (DUNGANNON)	*
	DRAPERSTOWN	95.2
	DUNNAMORE	*
	GLEBE (MAGHERAFELT)	68.6
GORTALOWRY	220.8	
GULLADUFF	*	
KILLYCOLPY	94.6	
KILLYMOON	178.6	
KNOCKCLOGHRIM	58.3	
LECUMPHER	65.2	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	LISSAN	102.9
	LOWER GLENSHANE	*
	MAGHERA	160.7
	MONEYMORE	83.3
	NEWBUILDINGS	157.9
	OAKLANDS	84.3
	OLDTOWN	120.7
	POMEROY	111.1
	SANDHOLES	139.5
	STEWARTSTOWN	107.1
	SWATRAGH	62.5
	THE LOOP	*
	TOBERMORE	*
	TOWN PARKS EAST	116.9
	TOWN PARKS WEST	*
	TULLAGH	231.9
	UPPERLANDS	*
	VALLEY (MAGHERAFELT)	*
	WASHING BAY	*
	ABBAY PARK	270.3
	BALLYBOT	163.3
	BALLYMARTRIM	136.4
	BESSBROOK	237.3
	CALLAN BRIDGE	337.8
	CAMLOUGH	118.4
	CARRIGATUKE	75
	CHARLEMONT	130.4
	CREGGAN	58.3
	CROSSMAGLEN	61.7
	DAISY HILL	127.7
	DEMESNE	202.5
	DERRYMORE	189.2
	DERRYNOOSE	73.3
	DOWNS	94.6
	DRUMALANE	147.7
	DRUMGULLION	97.6
FATHOM	53.1	
FORKHILL	130.4	
HAMILTONSBAWN	*	
HOCKLEY	*	
KEADY	239.1	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
NORTH ANTRIM	KILLEEN	134.3
	KILLYLEA	*
	LAURELVALE	100
	LOUGHGALL	100
	MARKETHILL	169.2
	MILFORD	*
	NEWTOWNHAMILTON	242.1
	OBSERVATORY	*
	POYNTZ PASS	101.4
	RICH HILL	*
	SILVER BRIDGE	61.2
	ST MARYS	*
	ST PATRICKS	70.6
	TANDRAGEE	127.3
	THE MALL	128.2
	TULLYHAPPY	99.1
	WINDSOR HILL	*
	ACADEMY	*
	AHOGHILL	76.2
	ARDEEVIN	109.1
	ARMOY	125
	BALLEE	290.3
	BALLYHOE AND CORKEY	70.4
	BALLYKEEL	219.5
	BALLYLOUGH	277.8
	BALLYLOUGHAN	*
	BENVARDIN	136.4
	BONAMARGY AND RATHLIN	0
	BROUGHSHANE	83.3
	BUSHMILLS	*
	CARNANY	195.7
	CARNMOON	*
	CASTLE DEMESNE	232.1
	CLOGH MILLS	*
CRAIGYWARREN	*	
CULLYBACKEY	90.9	
DALRIADA	*	
DERVOCK	*	
DUNCLUG	190.5	
DUNLOY	*	
DUNMINNING	*	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
NORTH DOWN	DUNSEVERICK	*
	FAIR GREEN	220
	FAIRHILL	151.5
	GALGORM	*
	GLEBE (BALLYMONEY)	*
	GLENRAVEL	38.2
	GLENSHESK	*
	GLENTAISIE	137.3
	GLENWHIRRY	65.4
	GRANGE	64.2
	HARRYVILLE	266.7
	KELLS	114.9
	KILLOQUIN LOWER	*
	KILLOQUIN UPPER	157.9
	KINBANE	*
	KNOCKAHOLET	*
	KNOCKLAYD	*
	MOAT	218.8
	MOSS-SIDE AND MOYARGET	*
	NEWHILL	175
	PARK	163.9
	PORTGLENONE	*
	ROUTE	*
	SEACON	92.6
	SLEMISH	*
	STRANOCUM	*
	SUMMERFIELD	134.8
	THE VOW	*
	BALLYCROCHAN	50
	BALLYHOLME	*
	BALLYMACONNELL	*
	BALLYMAGEE	75.5
	BANGOR CASTLE	*
	BLOOMFIELD (NORTH DOWN)	104.8
	BROADWAY	*
	BRYANSBURN	*
	CHURCHILL	109.4
CLANDEBOYE	83.9	
CONLIG	115.4	
CRAIGAVAD	*	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
SOUTH ANTRIM	CRAWFORDSBURN	*
	CULTRA	*
	DONAGHADEE NORTH	114.8
	DONAGHADEE SOUTH	140.4
	DUFFERIN	155.6
	GROOMSPORT	*
	HARBOUR (NORTH DOWN)	126.6
	HOLYWOOD DEMESNE	*
	HOLYWOOD PRIORY	*
	LOUGHVIEW	189.7
	MILLISLE	76.3
	PRINCETOWN	*
	RATHGAEL	*
	SILVERSTREAM	114.8
	SPRING HILL	*
	WHITEHILL	130.4
	ALDERGROVE	86.6
	BALLOO	225
	BALLYCLARE NORTH	119.7
	BALLYCLARE SOUTH	113.9
	BALLYCRAIGY	250
	BALLYDUFF	189.2
	BALLYNURE	51
	BALLYROBERT	73.2
	BURNTHILL	*
	CARNMONEY	*
	CLADY	*
	CRANFIELD	*
	CRUMLIN (ANTRIM)	33.1
	DOAGH	*
	DRUMANAWAY	69.4
	FARRANSHANE	156.3
	FOUNTAIN HILL	183.7
	GLENAVY	60.1
GREYSTONE (ANTRIM)	137.3	
HAWTHORNE	250	
MALLUSK	77.5	
MASSEREENE	75.9	
MOSSLEY	193	
PARKGATE	76.2	
RANDALSTOWN	105.3	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
SOUTH DOWN	SHILVODAN	*
	SPRINGFARM	157.9
	STEEPLE	266.7
	STILES	*
	TEMPLEPATRICK	*
	TOOME	*
	ANNALONG	64.1
	ARDGLASS	85.1
	AUDLEYS ACRE	126.8
	BALLYMOTE	256.8
	BALLYWARD	54.3
	BANNSIDE	56.2
	BINNIAN	117
	BURREN AND KILBRONEY	38.1
	CASTLEWELLAN	137.6
	CATHEDRAL	159.6
	CLONALLAN	83.9
	CROSSGAR	103.8
	DERRYLECKAGH	86.4
	DONAGHMORE (NEWRY AND MOURNE)	*
	DONARD	*
	DRUMANESS	67.6
	DUNDRUM	56.8
	DUNMORE	58.8
	KATESBRIDGE	*
	KILKEEL CENTRAL	160.9
	KILKEEL SOUTH	172.4
	KILLOUGH	100.9
	LISNACREE	*
	MAYOBRIDGE	34.5
	MURLOUGH	140.8
	QUOILE	65.2
	RATHFRILAND	163.6
ROSTREVOR	137.5	
SEAFORDE	*	
SEAVIEW	101.3	
SHIMNA	101.4	
SPELGA	90.2	
STRANGFORD	133.3	
TOLLYMORE	80.4	
STRANGFORD	BALLYGOWAN	68

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
UPPER BANN	BALLYMAGLAVE	84.7
	BALLYNAHINCH EAST	240.7
	BALLYRAINEY	*
	BALLYWALTER	132.5
	BRADSHAWS BRAE	128.6
	CARROWDORE	77.8
	CENTRAL (ARDS)	162.2
	COMBER EAST	73.5
	COMBER NORTH	180.3
	COMBER WEST	*
	DERRYBOY	*
	GLEN	95.9
	GREGSTOWN	104
	KILLINCHY	*
	KILLYLEAGH	177.2
	KILMORE	103.8
	KIRCUBBIN	112.1
	LISBANE	*
	LOUGHRIES	82.4
	MONEYREAGH	64.5
	MOVILLA	50
	PORTAFERRY	174.6
	PORTAVOGIE	92.4
	SAINTFIELD	*
	SCRABO	148.1
	WHITESPOTS	*
	AGHAGALLON	67.7
	ANNAGH	170.7
	BALLYBAY	325
	BALLYDOWN	62.1
	BALLYORAN	232.9
	BANBRIDGE WEST	*
	BLEARY	105.3
	BROWNSTOWN	127
	CHURCH	343.8
	CORCRAIN	236.8
	COURT	220.3
	DERRYTRASNA	45.5
	DONAGHCLONEY	80.4
	DRUMGASK	245.1
DRUMGOR	242.9	
DRUMNAMOE	135.1	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
WEST TYRONE	EDENDERRY (BANBRIDGE)	142.9
	EDENDERRY (CRAIGAVON)	98
	FORT	*
	GILFORD	169.5
	KERNAN	137.5
	KILLYCOMAIN	175
	KNOCKNASHANE	*
	LAWRENCETOWN	87
	LOUGHBRICKLAND	*
	MAGHERALIN	66.7
	MOURNEVIEW	155.6
	PARKLAKE	118.1
	SEAPATRICK	117.6
	TAGHNEVAN	122.2
	TAVANAGH	219.5
	THE BIRCHES	54.3
	THE CUT	206.9
	WARINGSTOWN	103.4
	WOODVILLE	135.9
	ARTIGARVAN	80.5
	BALLYCOLMAN	163.3
	BERAGH	82.4
	CAMOWEN	104.5
	CASTLEDERG	272.7
	CLANABOGAN	*
	CLARE	117.6
	COOLNAGARD	116.3
	DERGMONEY	113.6
	DROMORE	135.1
	DRUMNAKILLY	81.1
	DRUMQUIN	66.7
	DRUMRAGH	94.3
	DUNNAMANAGH	106.1
	EAST	230.8
FAIRY WATER	97.2	
FINN	174.4	
FINTONA	228.1	
GLENDERG	95.2	
GORTIN	80.8	
GORTRUSH	66.7	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
	KILLYCLOGHER	99.1
	LISANELLY	159.1
	NEWTOWNSAVILLE	61.9
	NEWTOWNSTEWART	103.4
	NORTH	101.9
	OWENKILLEW	111.1
	PLUMBRIDGE	82.2
	SION MILLS	125
	SIXMILECROSS	*
	SLIEVEKIRK	*
	SOUTH	154.8
	STRULE	192.3
	TERMON	92
	TRILICK	*
	VICTORIA BRIDGE	149.3
	WEST	78.3
	NORTHERN IRELAND	97.0

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