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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.

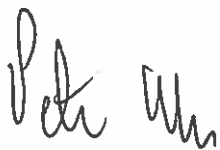
(ii) I launched the pupil attendance strategy “Miss School = Miss Out”¹ in December 2016 which provides a strategic framework for all the work that goes into maximising pupil attendance at schools. The four key themes identified

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) Post-primary pupil enrolments with less than 85 per cent attendance; rate per thousand by constituency, 2017/18

CONSTITUENCY	RATE PER THOUSAND
BELFAST EAST	105.0
BELFAST NORTH	118.3
BELFAST SOUTH	84.7
BELFAST WEST	129.0
EAST ANTRIM	85.5
EAST LONDONDERRY	87.8
FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE	89.1
FOYLE	94.6
LAGAN VALLEY	82.7
MID ULSTER	72.6
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	80.3
NORTH ANTRIM	88.5
NORTH DOWN	87.5
SOUTH ANTRIM	91.4
SOUTH DOWN	67.1
STRANGFORD	91.9
UPPER BANN	101.8
WEST TYRONE	86.1
NORTHERN IRELAND	91.1

Notes to table.

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3. 2008 Assembly constituency areas.

Post-primary pupil enrolments 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	68.7	
	BALLYHANWOOD	46.7	
	BALLYMACARRETT	172.3	
	BELMONT	38.5	
	BLOOMFIELD (BELFAST)	121.1	
	CARROWREAGH	69.9	
	CHERRYVALLEY	66.2	
	CREGAGH	200	
	DOWNSHIRE	82.6	
	DUNDONALD	73.2	
	ENLER	137.1	
	GILNAHIRK	47.6	
	GRAHAMS BRIDGE	84.6	
	ISLAND	139	
	KNOCK	81.5	
	LISNASHARRAGH	168.1	
	LOWER BRANIEL	115.8	
	ORANGEFIELD	134.5	
	STORMONT	*	
	SYDENHAM	97.7	
	THE MOUNT	294.6	
	TULLYCARNET	180.1	
	UPPER BRANIEL	60.6	
	BELFAST NORTH	ABBAY	113
		ARDOYNE	122.2
BALLYHENRY		66.7	
BALLYSILLAN		88.1	
BELLEVUE		94.6	
CASTLEVIEW		87.5	
CAVEHILL		24	
CHICHESTER PARK		100.7	
CLIFTONVILLE		125	
CLOUGHFERN		88.5	
COLLINBRIDGE		53.5	
COOLE		173.2	
CRUMLIN (BELFAST)		207.8	
DUNANNEY		190.5	
DUNCAIRN		232.5	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
BELFAST SOUTH	FORTWILLIAM	64.3
	GLEBE (NEWTOWNABBHEY)	44.2
	GLENGORMLEY	91.6
	HIGHTOWN	102
	LEGONIEL	110.3
	NEW LODGE VALLEY (NEWTOWNABBHEY)	147.5
	WATER WORKS	159
	WHITEHOUSE	176.9
	WOODVALE	166.7
	BALLYNAFEIGH	127.9
	BEECHILL	89.6
	BLACKSTAFF	72.6
	BOTANIC	235.7
	CAIRNSHILL	194.1
	CARRYDUFF EAST	45.7
	CARRYDUFF WEST	61.9
	FINAGHY	72.5
	GALWALLY	43.1
	HILLFOOT	*
	KNOCKBRACKEN	*
	MALONE	*
	MINNOWBURN	36.9
	MUSGRAVE	159.3
	NEWTOWNBREDA	43.3
	RAVENHILL	*
	ROSETTA	62.5
	SHAFTESBURY	20.9
	STRANMILLIS	172.4
	UPPER MALONE	30.4
	WINDSOR	100
	WOODSTOCK	121.2
	WYNCHURCH	288.6
ANDERSONSTOWN	102	
BEECHMOUNT	93.6	
CLONARD	153.1	
COLLIN GLEN	159	
DERRYAGHY	172.1	
DUNMURRY	74.8	
FALLS	48	
	167.9	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
EAST ANTRIM	FALLS PARK	86.6
	GLEN ROAD	72.4
	GLENCAIRN	166.7
	GLENCOLIN	89.9
	HIGHFIELD	115.7
	KILWEE	115.2
	LADYBROOK	134.7
	POLEGLASS	134.1
	SHANKILL	216.3
	TWINBROOK	91.9
	UPPER SPRINGFIELD	185.5
	WHITEROCK	188
	ANTIVILLE	276.9
	BALLYCARRY	68
	BALLYLORAN	431.4
	BLACKCAVE	250
	BLACKHEAD	*
	BLUEFIELD	69.3
	BONEYBEFORE	*
	BURLEIGH HILL	*
	CARNCastle	73.3
	CARNLOUGH	167.9
	CENTRAL (LARNE)	187.5
	CLIPPERSTOWN	98
	CRAIGY HILL	274.2
	EDEN	60.6
	GARDENMORE	102.6
	GLENAAN	0
	GLENARIFF	58.3
	GLENARM	61.2
	GLENDUN	*
	GLYNN	57.4
	GORTALEE	*
	GREENISLAND	*
HARBOUR (LARNE)	206.9	
ISLAND MAGEE	*	
JORDANSTOWN	12.8	
KILLYCROT	*	
KILWAUGHTER	71.6	
KNOCKAGH	*	
LOVE LANE	200	
MILEBUSH	*	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
EAST LONDONDERRY	MONKSTOWN	85.7
	NORTHLAND	189.2
	ROSTULLA	60.2
	SUNNYLANDS	*
	TOWN PARKS	169
	VICTORIA (CARRICKFERGUS)	69.4
	WHITEHEAD	*
	WOODBURN	88.9
	AGHANLOO	46.9
	AGIVEY	*
	ATLANTIC	186.3
	BALLYKELLY	76.9
	BALLYSALLY	186.7
	BANAGHER	33.3
	CASTLEROCK	117.6
	CENTRAL (COLERAINE)	215.4
	CHURCHLAND	146.6
	CLAUDY	34.3
	COOLESSAN	306.7
	CROSS GLEBE	158.7
	DUNDOOAN	70.4
	DUNGIVEN	74.1
	DUNLUCE	58.1
	ENAGH (LIMAVADY)	57.4
	FEENY	104
	FOREST	88.9
	GARVAGH	87.7
	GLACK	39.7
	GRESTEEL	92.1
	GREYSTONE (LIMAVADY)	142.9
	HOPEFIELD	92.4
	KILREA	45.5
	KNOCKLYNN	71.1
	MACOSQUIN	84.6
MAGILLIGAN	63.2	
MOUNT SANDEL	136.4	
PORTSTEWART	102	
RATHBRADY	*	
RINGSEND	52.6	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
FERMANAGH AND SOUTH TYRONE	ROESIDE	133.3
	ROYAL PORTRUSH	123.5
	STRAND (COLERAINE)	58.8
	THE CUTS	88.8
	THE HIGHLANDS	37.9
	UNIVERSITY	200
	UPPER GLENSHANE	79.5
	WATERSIDE	*
	AUGHER	70.9
	AUGHNACLOY	64.1
	BALLINAMALLARD	89.4
	BALLYGAWLEY	58.8
	BALLYSAGGART	128.7
	BELCOO AND GARRISON	89
	BELLEEK AND BOA	76.9
	BENBURB	69.4
	BOHO CLEENISH AND LETTERBREEN	87.8
	BROOKEBOROUGH	125
	CALEDON	62.1
	CASTLECAULFIELD	55.9
	CASTLECOOLE	94.6
	CLOGHER	93.8
	COOLHILL	40.8
	DERRYGONNELLY	102.9
	DERRYLIN	114.9
	DEVENISH	208.3
	DONAGH	94.3
	DRUMGLASS	106
	ERNE	155
	FIVEMILETOWN	175.9
	FLORENCE COURT AND KINAWLEY	79.5
	IRVINESTOWN	114.1
KESH EDERNEY AND LACK	138.6	
KILLYMAN	52.3	
KILLYMEAL	78.3	
LISBELLAW	80.6	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
FOYLE	LISNARRICK	96.8
	LISNASKEA	150.9
	MAGUIRESBRIDGE	73.5
	MOY	67.3
	MOYGASHEL	49.6
	MULLAGHMORE	43.8
	NEWTOWNBUTLER	100.6
	PORTORA	94.9
	ROSSLEA	51.5
	ROSSORRY	92.4
	TEMPO	65.4
	ALTNAGELVIN	106.1
	BALLYNASHALLOG	32.3
	BEECHWOOD	106.2
	BRANDYWELL	157.5
	CARN HILL	106.6
	CAW	180.2
	CLONDERMOT	58.4
	CREGGAN CENTRAL	196
	CREGGAN SOUTH	200.8
	CREVAGH	97
	CULMORE	75.5
	EBRINGTON	88
	EGLINTON	38.3
	ENAGH (DERRY)	78.3
	FOYLE SPRINGS	59.4
	HOLLY MOUNT	64.6
	KILFENNAN	63.5
	LISNAGELVIN	77.5
	NEW BUILDINGS	59.5
	PENNYBURN	49.5
	ROSEMOUNT	170
	SHANTALLOW EAST	106
SHANTALLOW WEST	79.3	
SPRINGTOWN	111.7	
STRAND (DERRY)	71.4	
THE DIAMOND	88.9	
VICTORIA (DERRY)	157.9	
WESTLAND	132.8	
LAGAN VALLEY	BALLINDERRY	76.3
	BALLYMACASH	49.4
	BALLYMACBRENNAN	40.2

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
MID ULSTER	BALLYMACOSS	102.8
	BLARIS	114.9
	DERRYAGHY	74.8
	DROMARA	56.5
	DROMORE NORTH	121.4
	DROMORE SOUTH	59.6
	DRUMBO	*
	GRANSHA	58.6
	HARMONY HILL	47
	HILDEN	135.4
	HILLHALL	126.7
	HILLSBOROUGH	41
	KNOCKMORE	142.2
	LAGAN VALLEY	175.3
	LAMBEG	140.4
	LISNAGARVY	66
	MAGHABERRY	61
	MAGHERALAVE	94.2
	MAZE	98.4
	MOIRA	55.6
	OLD WARREN	138.1
	QUILLY	38.9
	SEYMOUR HILL	140.2
	TONAGH	111.1
	WALLACE PARK	75.1
	ALTMORE	74.1
	ARDBOE	61.3
	BALLYMAGUIGAN	33.2
	BELLAGHY	*
	CASTLEDAWSON	81.6
	COAGH	50
	COALISLAND NORTH	57
	COALISLAND SOUTH	133.7
	COALISLAND WEST AND NEWMILLS	122.4
	DONAGHMORE (DUNGANNON)	73.7
	DRAPERSTOWN	107.3
	DUNNAMORE	*
	GLEBE (MAGHERAFELT)	103.7
	GORTALOWRY	64.5
	GULLADUFF	66.7

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
	KILLYCOLPY	101.1
	KILLYMOON	83.3
	KNOCKCLOGHRIM	75.9
	LECUMPHER	68.3
	LISSAN	71.4
	LOWER GLENSHANE	41.2
	MAGHERA	126
	MONEYMORE	75.7
	NEWBUILDINGS	96.8
	OAKLANDS	71
	OLDTOWN	132.1
	POMEROY	37.3
	SANDHOLES	70.6
	STEWARTSTOWN	70.8
	SWATRAGH	31
	THE LOOP	36.1
	TOBERMORE	84.7
	TOWN PARKS EAST	100.6
	TOWN PARKS WEST	94
	TULLAGH	59.4
	UPPERLANDS	52.6
	VALLEY (MAGHERAFELT)	87.9
	WASHING BAY	56.9
NEWRY AND ARMAGH	ABBAY PARK	84.6
	BALLYBOT	134
	BALLYMARTRIM	61
	BESSBROOK	138.9
	CALLAN BRIDGE	246.6
	CAMLOUGH	51.2
	CARRIGATUKE	77.3
	CHARLEMONT	63.8
	CREGGAN	49.8
	CROSSMAGLEN	54.9
	DAISY HILL	141.5
	DEMESNE	114.9
	DERRYMORE	92.9
	DERRYNOOSE	73.8
	DOWNS	111.8
	DRUMALANE	71.4
	DRUMGULLION	154.8
	FATHOM	63.8

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
NORTH ANTRIM	FORKHILL	43.4
	HAMILTONSBAWN	23.8
	HOCKLEY	*
	KEADY	187.5
	KILLEEN	57
	KILLYLEA	62.5
	LAURELVALE	74.8
	LOUGHGALL	122.6
	MARKETHILL	65.9
	MILFORD	60.9
	NEWTOWNHAMILTON	141.6
	OBSERVATORY	115.4
	POYNTZ PASS	69
	RICH HILL	48.4
	SILVER BRIDGE	39.3
	ST MARYS	73.7
	ST PATRICKS	70.7
	TANDRAGEE	92.9
	THE MALL	106.2
	TULLYHAPPY	35.7
	WINDSOR HILL	54.7
	ACADEMY	43.2
	AHOGHILL	97.3
	ARDEEVIN	90
	ARMOY	121.2
	BALLEE	213.6
	BALLYHOE AND CORKEY	72
	BALLYKEEL	215.2
	BALLYLOUGH	207.5
	BALLYLOUGHAN	*
	BENVARDIN	78.4
	BONAMARGY AND RATHLIN	0
	BROUGHSHANE	83.3
	BUSHMILLS	281.3
	CARNANY	118.8
	CARNMOON	*
	CASTLE DEMESNE	254.4
	CLOGH MILLS	91.8
	CRAIGYWARREN	27.5
	CULLYBACKEY	71.4
DALRIADA	83.3	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
NORTH DOWN	DERVOCK	97.6
	DUNCLUG	191.9
	DUNLOY	52.2
	DUNMINNING	*
	DUNSEVERICK	0
	FAIR GREEN	164.8
	FAIRHILL	70.7
	GALGORM	53.9
	GLEBE (BALLYMONEY)	68.5
	GLENRAVEL	66.4
	GLENSHESK	0
	GLENTAISIE	128.2
	GLENWHIRRY	48.9
	GRANGE	58.1
	HARRYVILLE	237.3
	KELLS	104.4
	KILLOQUIN LOWER	*
	KILLOQUIN UPPER	*
	KINBANE	*
	KNOCKAHOLET	72.9
	KNOCKLAYD	73.2
	MOAT	90.9
	MOSS-SIDE AND MOYARGET	*
	NEWHILL	168.3
	PARK	173.1
	PORTGLENONE	51.9
	ROUTE	*
	SEACON	65.5
	SLEMISH	58.8
	STRANOCUM	77.7
	SUMMERFIELD	76.4
	THE VOW	72.6
	BALLYCROCHAN	41.2
	BALLYHOLME	*
	BALLYMACONNELL	106.6
	BALLYMAGEE	80.4
	BANGOR CASTLE	142.9
	BLOOMFIELD (NORTH DOWN)	163.2
	BROADWAY	103.8
	BRYANSBURN	*
CHURCHILL	64.5	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
SOUTH ANTRIM	CLANDEBOYE	104.3
	CONLIG	99
	CRAIGAVAD	*
	CRAWFORDSBURN	33.8
	CULTRA	0
	DONAGHADEE NORTH	95.6
	DONAGHADEE SOUTH	104.3
	DUFFERIN	169.2
	GROOMSPORT	48
	HARBOUR (NORTH DOWN)	86.3
	HOLYWOOD DEMESNE	69.2
	HOLYWOOD PRIORY	33.8
	LOUGHVIEW	112.6
	MILLISLE	126.4
	PRINCETOWN	60
	RATHGAEL	80
	SILVERSTREAM	112.1
	SPRING HILL	101.7
	WHITEHILL	171.9
	ALDERGROVE	79.6
	BALLOO	142.9
	BALLYCLARE NORTH	111.1
	BALLYCLARE SOUTH	92.4
	BALLYCRAIGY	157.3
	BALLYDUFF	110.3
	BALLYNURE	45.2
	BALLYROBERT	52.2
	BURNTHILL	128.7
	CARNMONEY	158.3
	CLADY	37.4
	CRANFIELD	71
	CRUMLIN (ANTRIM)	98.1
	DOAGH	70
	DRUMANAWAY	95.2
	FARRANSHANE	287.5
	FOUNTAIN HILL	244.8
	GLENAVY	51.5
GREYSTONE (ANTRIM)	192.8	
HAWTHORNE	111.1	
MALLUSK	38.5	
MASSEREENE	99.7	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
SOUTH DOWN	MOSSLEY	136.7
	PARKGATE	41.9
	RANDALSTOWN	63.2
	SHILVODAN	38.5
	SPRINGFARM	147.6
	STEEPLE	182.9
	STILES	158.3
	TEMPLEPATRICK	76.2
	TOOME	51.8
	ANNALONG	68.3
	ARDGLASS	79.3
	AUDLEYS ACRE	84
	BALLYMOTE	158.7
	BALLYWARD	48.6
	BANNSIDE	76.5
	BINNIAN	59.5
	BURREN AND KILBRONEY	32.9
	CASTLEWELLAN	86.1
	CATHEDRAL	107
	CLONALLAN	85.6
	CROSSGAR	83.3
	DERRYLECKAGH	45.2
	DONAGHMORE (NEWRY AND MOURNE)	22.6
	DONARD	*
	DRUMANESS	67.1
	DUNDRUM	65
	DUNMORE	83.3
	KATESBRIDGE	28.6
	KILKEEL CENTRAL	122
	KILKEEL SOUTH	89.6
	KILLOUGH	61.5
	LISNACREE	74.1
	MAYOBRIDGE	65
MURLOUGH	125	
QUOILE	104.9	
RATHFRILAND	68.5	
ROSTREVOR	64	
SEAFORDE	59.4	
SEAVIEW	51.7	
SHIMNA	76.9	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
STRANGFORD	SPELGA	39
	STRANGFORD	55.6
	TOLLYMORE	35.1
	BALLYGOWAN	38.6
	BALLYMAGLAVE	55.1
	BALLYNAHINCH EAST	163
	BALLYRAINEY	164.9
	BALLYWALTER	115
	BRADSHAWS BRAE	78.1
	CARROWDORE	46.6
	CENTRAL (ARDS)	192.8
	COMBER EAST	115.4
	COMBER NORTH	129.3
	COMBER WEST	41.7
	DERRYBOY	50.6
	GLEN	135.8
	GREGSTOWN	122.1
	KILLINCHY	43.8
	KILLYLEAGH	87
	KILMORE	43
	KIRCUBBIN	75.9
	LISBANE	*
	LOUGHRIES	134
	MONEYREAGH	40.7
	MOVILLA	75.7
	PORTAFERRY	132.2
	PORTAVOGIE	106
	SAINTFIELD	*
	SCRABO	224.7
	WHITESPOTS	65.2
	AGHAGALLON	32.7
	ANNAGH	95.2
BALLYBAY	184.5	
BALLYDOWN	61.7	
BALLYORAN	111.8	
BANBRIDGE WEST	82.8	
BLEARY	46.8	
BROWNSTOWN	83.3	
CHURCH	255.6	
CORCRAIN	215.4	
COURT	166.7	
DERRYTRASNA	61.4	
UPPER BANN		

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WEST TYRONE	DONAGHCLONEY	42.9
	DRUMGASK	142.9
	DRUMGOR	188.2
	DRUMNAMOE	196.9
	EDENDERRY (BANBRIDGE)	155.3
	EDENDERRY (CRAIGAVON)	114.9
	FORT	87.9
	GILFORD	113.6
	KERNAN	95.2
	KILLYCOMAIN	175.9
	KNOCKNASHANE	96
	LAWRENCETOWN	60.2
	LOUGHBRICKLAND	41.9
	MAGHERALIN	60.5
	MOURNEVIEW	93.2
	PARKLAKE	103.6
	SEAPATRICK	72
	TAGHNEVAN	152.2
	TAVANAGH	163.3
	THE BIRCHES	83.3
	THE CUT	135.6
	WARINGSTOWN	78.8
	WOODVILLE	87.2
	ARTIGARVAN	86.1
	BALLYCOLMAN	239.6
	BERAGH	66.7
	CAMOWEN	160
	CASTLEDERG	185.2
	CLANABOGAN	61.7
	CLARE	33.3
	COOLNAGARD	58.3
	DERGMONEY	95.2
	DROMORE	79.4
	DRUMNAKILLY	59.6
DRUMQUIN	110.3	
DRUMRAGH	108.7	
DUNNAMANAGH	62.5	
EAST	226.8	
FAIRY WATER	75	
FINN	101.1	
FINTONA	87.4	

CONSTITUENCY	WARD	RATE PER THOUSAND
	GLENDERG	83.9
	GORTIN	81.6
	GORTRUSH	76.4
	KILLYCLOGHER	81
	LISANELLY	119.3
	NEWTOWNSAVILLE	33.8
	NEWTOWNSTEWART	139.1
	NORTH	138.4
	OWENKILLEW	67.9
	PLUMBRIDGE	50.7
	SION MILLS	128.4
	SIXMILECROSS	*
	SLIEVEKIRK	38.2
	SOUTH	114.1
	STRULE	135.6
	TERMON	44.8
	TRILLICK	43.5
	VICTORIA BRIDGE	95.9
	WEST	56.7
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