



# Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Education and Early Childhood

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In relation to: Education and Small Group Learning

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Answer Due: 05/12/2025

Does the government provide small group learning in every public primary and high school?

If so, how are the children identified for the sessions?

- How frequent are the sessions?
- Have staff numbers for small group sessions been reduced because the staff may be casual or part time?

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

All students have opportunities to engage in small group learning if this is required to meet their learning needs. This is delivered in a variety of ways depending on school communities and learner needs. Schools assess student need for small group learning by reviewing learning data including assessment, and adjustments to access learning on the same basis as peers. Some students require small group learning most of the time, while other students require small group learning for specific areas of the curriculum. Staffing for small group learning is managed by schools on an individual basis and decisions are made to place the most appropriate staff members with the students who need them. Ratios between staff and children are generally smaller for small group learning.

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By the Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Yvette Berry MLA