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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mr Hanson on 22 August 2022: Ms Haire took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: breakdown of multi-use spaces being used as classrooms

And did you provide a sort of list of schools where multi-use of space albeit hallways, libraries being used as a classroom? Can you get that to the committee so we can across the schools understand—

Minister Yvette Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The Education Directorate has advised there are libraries that have been utilised as a flexible learning area in the short term only, for example during minor construction works or repairs, as a staging option or due to supporting COVID safe practices. During these instances, libraries have been utilised in a limited capacity to ensure students were able to continue to access library resources to support their educational needs. It should also be recognised some libraries are quite large and can accommodate both a classroom and continued use of the library facilities.

Hallway corridors can be used on occasion for small group work or as a breakout area for a limited number of students.

The Directorate does not maintain a register of the use of hallways and libraries as a classroom given the short-term nature of their use.

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By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Minister Yvette Berry MLA