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HEARINGS 2008-09 HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2009

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

CHAIR: To ask the Minister for Education and Training

In relation to: Parents' response to electronic roll marking

1. Can you provide information about the parents' response to the electronic monitoring of attendance via a short message service message.

MR BARR: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Evidence to date has been that parents have been very positive to the introduction of the *Notify SMS* system. One college has measured an increase in attendance since the introduction of the system in the order of 40% in some instances. The system is available to all public schools that record attendance data in MAZE, the Department's school administrative system and seventeen schools have sent 79 400 messages about student attendance to parents and carers over the past 12 months.

Statistical evidence will be gathered over first semester 2010 for inclusion in the 2009-2010 Annual Report to support the positive impact that this notification system has had on attendance.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education Training and Youth Affairs

Signature: *Andrew Barr*

Date: 15.12.2009

By the Minister for Education and Training, Mr Andrew Barr MLA

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