



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2024-25

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Education and Early Childhood

In relation to: Public Schools and Out of area enrolments

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Mr Crowther took on notice the following question(s):

MISS NUTTALL: Thank you. So you said over a thousand applications were received, was that specifically on wellbeing criteria?

Mr Crowther: Yes, so that was between enrolments opening and, I believe the end of June or July what we call our bulk round, and then we have received some additional ones as people have sought enrolment after that bulk round period.

MISS NUTTALL: Does this track higher from previous years? Perhaps this might need to go on notice, but would you be able to provide, say, a breakdown of how many applications were received each year over the last five years per se?

Mr Crowther: Unfortunately not the way the data was collected in previous years. The out-of-area enrolments were just grouped into a out-of-area enrolment. This is the first year we have sort of, yes, differentiated between applications on wellbeing, grounds, curriculum, sibling, legal reasons, so we would like to, but unfortunately the data prior to this year does not support that.

MISS NUTTALL: Right. So it was not sort of collected up. Okay. Of that thousand, how many were rejected? Was there sort of an average like rejection rate per target school?

Mr Crowther: Those target schools, I would have to take that information on notice because we would need to consider whether there was a review and the outcome of that, any appeals, whether the application was subsequently withdrawn. So I will take on notice what information we can provide around a breakdown.

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

Across ACT, 1215 out-of-area applications were received for consideration on wellbeing grounds.

Of these, 263 were recommended for acceptance and 952 for decline.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

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

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