



Inquiry into endometriosis and other pelvic pain conditions

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: QENDO

In relation to: The survey data on students missing schools due to endometriosis and pelvic pain

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Ms Taylor took on notice the following question(s):

MISS NUTTALL: When it comes to attendance, there are not specific attendance or absence provisions for pain due to endometriosis and things like that; that is not a—

Ms Taylor: No. An excellent study was done recently by the Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia, and we can take that on notice and provide those specific details to you. From a very hazy memory, almost one in two people who do have a period were missing school. It was incredibly high, and they have delivered their education to hundreds of thousands of students now, so it is a very good dataset. They were surprised at the high number of individuals who were taking time, at least one month out of every few, because of their pelvic and period pain. That is our next generation of society, who are really struggling

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

The Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia study referred to is listed below:

Authors: Tomsett KI, Mardon AK, Gao OW, Simpson AK, Squire BC, Warner IG, Evans SF.

Title: Prevalence and Impact of Period and Pelvic Pain in Australian Adolescents: The PPEP Talk Schools Program.

Publication: Aust N Z J Obstet Gynaecol. 2026 Feb;66(1):e70015. doi: 10.1111/ajo.70015. Epub 2025 Mar 14. PMID: 40084547; PMCID: PMC12867549.

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