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**QUESTION ON NOTICE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
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Minister's Physical Activity Challenge

MS BRESNAN - asked the Minister for Education and Training on 20 January 2010.

- (1) In 2008 35.7% of students enrolled in public primary schools participated in the 2008 Minister's physical activity challenge, (the aim being to encourage children to be physically active for at least one hour per day five days a week for 10 weeks).

Why was the take up rate so low and what steps will be taken to increase the take up in the future particularly in the light of the grants made in the 2008 ACT budget and the establishment of the Children's Physical Activity Foundation?

MR BARR - the answer to Ms Bresnan's question is:

- (1) 2008 was the first year of implementing the Minister's Physical Activity Challenge. Over one third of all primary students participated in the challenge, which represents a significant focus on physical activity.

In each of the years 2008 and 2009, more than 10 000 students have participated in this challenge.

In 2009 a review of the administrative procedures was undertaken, resulting in simplified processes. This is expected to increase school involvement and attract more students to the Challenge.

The Children's Physical Activity Foundation (CPAF) is developing a marketing strategy to increase awareness of the Challenge and to promote physical activity.

The 2008 Budget Initiative, *Get a Move on*, provided funding for three fulltime physical education consultants who work with all public primary schools to improve the fundamental movement skill level in students. These consultants will assist schools to be involved in the Challenge.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA

Minister for Education and Training

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