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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Ms Paterson MLA on 19 July 2023: Ms Spence took on notice the following question(s):
Ref: *Uncorrected Hansard Transcript* 19/07/2023, pages 58 - 59

In relation to: How many ACT students have been referred through the allied health team regarding ADHD?

DR PATERSON: And do you keep data on how many students are referred through the allied—well to the allied health services or to paediatricians?

Ms Spence: We would have some information, that I could get at a later stage, around the referrals that are made through our allied health team in our centralised service. The data, in terms of how parents refer outside of our system—

DR PATERSON: Yes, sure.

Ms Spence: —I would not be able to have that information.

DR PATERSON: Is it possible to take that on notice?

Ms Spence: Yes, I can take that on notice.

DR PATERSON: Thanks.

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

The Allied Health Service made 572 student referrals between 30 January 2023 – 25 July 2023.

Referrals were made to:

- Occupational Therapists
- Speech Language Pathology
- Physiotherapy
- Social Workers
- Senior Psychologists.

The Education Directorate does not keep data on the number of referrals made to external providers such as paediatricians.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

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Date:

24/8/23

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