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Question

school visits

Senator WRIGHT: Since becoming education minister, how many schools has Minister Pyne visited? Ms Paul: I don't know. We would have to take that on notice and ask him. Senator WRIGHT: Yes. If you would take that on notice, please. I am interested, then, to know, since becoming education minister, how many of those schools have been government schools and how many have been non-government schools? Ms Paul: Sure. Certainly I know that many of the events that we have briefed for have been held in schools. But we would have to take that on notice. Senator WRIGHT: I would also be interested to know whether you could provide a full list of the school visits of the education minister since he became education minister and whether a press conference was held in conjunction with those visits or not. So I am interested in knowing how many visits there have been that have not been in conjunction with some kind of media event.

Answer

Comprehensive data on all school visits by the Minister for Education is not held centrally by the department.

As part of his role as Minister for Education, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP has visited a number of schools across Australia from both the government and non-government sectors.