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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: How do we know that the child who is ticked off in the morning stayed there till 3 o'clock?

Mr James: Some of the jurisdictions mark separate rolls in the morning and the afternoon. The data that I have handed over just gives the average attendance rates. It compares the average attendance rate for those schools this year with the same time last year, and it is the overall attendance rate. I should take this on notice, but my understanding is that, if somebody is there for only half a day, then that is counted as half a day's attendance, so it is not counted as a full day. I should take that on notice, because each jurisdiction does it slightly differently.

Answer:

All of the State Government schools participating in the Remote School Attendance Strategy have their rolls marked twice a day (morning and afternoon). If a child attends school for only half a day then this is treated as a half day absence in all of these schools.