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Question:

- a) How much has been spent on School Attendance officers?
- b) How many School attendance officers are employed? Please provide a breakdown for each centre where officers are employed.
- c) What is the turnover rate for attendance officers?
- d) Are attendance figures taken at the end of the day?

Answer:

- a) Of the total Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) funding approximately \$36.1 million was allocated for wages. Actual expenditure cannot be disaggregated to the level of School Attendance Officers.
- b) As at 10 November 2015 there are 557 people employed as either School Attendance Officers or School Attendance Supervisors under RSAS. The breakdown of employment by site is at Attachment A.
- c) The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is not able to quantify the turnover rate for School Attendance Officers. To calculate turnover rates for SAOs, data from individual employment records is required. The Australian Government does not currently have access to the data from individual employment records.
- d) SAO attendance is recorded every day by RSAS providers. RSAS providers supply a report to the Department weekly, which outlines the daily hours worked by SAOs and any absences.

School Attendance Supervisor and School Attendance Officer employment data as at 10 November 2015

RSAS Region	School	Community	Numbers employed
Eastern NSW	Boggabilla Central School	Boggabilla	6
Western NSW	Walgett Community School	Walgett	7
	Wilcannia Central School	Wilcannia	7
	Total NSW		20
Arnhem Land and Groote Eylandt	Alyangula Area School	Alyangula(Groote)	3
	Alyarrmandumanja Umbakumba School	Umbakumba	10
	Angurugu School	Angurugu	14
	Gapuwiyak School	Gapuwiyak	16
	Gunbalanya School	Gunbalanya	12
	Nhulunbuy Primary & High (Indigenous Students only)	Gunyangara (Ski beach)	4
	Maningrida School	Maningrida	22
	Milingimbi School	Milingimbi	33
	Milyakburra	Milyakburra	2
	Ramingining School	Ramingining	25
	Shepherdson College	Galiwinku	19
	Yirrkala School	Yirrkala	23
Top End and Tiwi Islands	Barunga School	Barunga (Bamyili)	5
	Borrooloola School	Borrooloola	15
	Bulman School	Bulman	5
	Jilkminggan School	Jilkminggan	3
	Kalkarindji School	Kalkarindji	5
	Lajamanu School	Lajamanu	4
	Murrupurtiyanwu Catholic Primary School	Bathurst Island	7
	Ngukurr School	Ngukurr	10
	Numbulwar School	Numbulwar	7
	Wugularr School	Beswick (Wugularr)	3
	Xavier Catholic College	Bathurst Island	5
	Yarralin School	Yarralin	3
	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH)	Wadeye	10
Central Australia Region	Alekarenge School	Ali Curung	6
	Ampilatwatja School	Ampilatwatja	5
	Elliott School	Elliott	2
	Epenarra School	Epenarra	5
	Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School	Santa Teresa	6
	Ntaria School	Ntaria	8
	Papunya School	Papunya	7
	Tennant Creek High	Tennant Creek	6
	Tennant Creek Primary School	Tennant Creek	11
	Yuendumu School	Yuendumu	9
		Total NT	
RSAS Region	School	Community	Numbers employed

Far North Qld	Kowanyama	Kowanyama	6
	Lockhart	Lockhart	8
	Northern Peninsula Area State College	Injinoo and Bamaga	16
	Pormpuraaw State School	Pormpuraaw	5
Gulf and North Qld	Camooweal State School	Camooweal	3
	Bwgcolman Community School	Palm Island	7
	Doomadgee State School	Doomadgee	9
	Mornington Island State School	Mornington Island	12
	Normanton State School	Normanton	9
	St Michael's School	Palm Island	4
Southern Qld	Cherbourg School	Cherbourg	7
	Woorabinda State School	Woorabinda	6
	Total QLD		92
SA	Amata	Amata (APY Lands)	3
	Cooper Pedy Area School	Cooper Pedy	11
	Ernabella & Kenmore Park's (Stage 2) Anangu Schools	Ernabella/Yunyarinyi (APY Lands)	8
	Fregon Anangu School	Fregon (APY Lands)	2
	Indulkana Anangu School	Indulkana	6
	Koonibba Aboriginal School	Kooniba	3
	Mimili School	Mimili (APY Lands)	4
	Murputja Anangu Schools #	Nyapari (APY Lands)	0
	Oak Valley Aboriginal School	Yalata/Oak Valley	3
	Pipalyatjara	Pipalyatjara (APY Lands)	2
	Yalata Anangu School	Yalata/Oak Valley	4
	Total SA		31
Greater WA	Carnarvon Community college	Carnarvon	17
	Meekatharra District High School	Meekatharra	4
	Ngaanyatjarra Lands School	Warburton/Warakurna/Blackstone (Ngaanyatjarra Lands)	9
	Onslow Primary School	Onslow	2
	Rawa Community School	Punmu/Kunawarritji	3
	Roebourne District High School	Roebourne	12
	Wiluna Remote Community School	Wiluna	1
Kimberley	Derby District High School	Derby	19
	Fitzroy Valley School	Fitzroy Crossing	7
	Halls Creek District School	Halls Creek	5
	Kalumburu Remote Community School	Kalumburu	2
	Luurnpa Catholic School	Balgo	3
	Total WA		84
Employment Total			557