

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

Has any work been done to look at whether the absenteeism of school attendance officers has any bearing on student attendance?

**Answer:**

No formal analysis of the absenteeism of school attendance officers and school attendance has been undertaken. However, some anecdotal reports suggest that attendance can be adversely affected when the school attendance officers are absent.