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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 1****Friday, 6 December 2024****Question No. 81****MS NUTTALL MLA:** To ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood

How many ACT public schools have reported classes being cancelled, for each school year during the 10th Assembly, due to teacher shortages (a) as an overall number and (b) as a percentage of all public school classes in the ACT.

YVETTE BERRY MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- a) Schools may elect to report staffing data daily to the Education Support Office. From Term 1 2023, the submission of daily staffing data by schools to the Education Support Office was made non-compulsory. Classes are indicated not as cancelled but either "moved to online learning" (Year 11-12 students), "split" or "combined" (all other demographics).

There are several reasons that classes may be moved to an alternative teaching method, with teacher shortages being one of these reasons.

- In 2022, a total of 23,107 classes may have been impacted by daily staffing absences.
- In 2023, a total of 14,461 classes may have been impacted by daily staffing absences.
- In 2024, a total of 14,841 may have been classes impacted by daily staffing absences.

- b) The Directorate does not hold data on the total number public school classes in the ACT. The number of classes in an ACT public school is determined at an individual school level.

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