

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2025-26 Budget Estimates

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: NICK MCGOWAN

Question: With the structured day program, if education is compulsory, how much education are they required to do per week in terms of hours or half-hours – whatever it is?

Reply:

In accordance with the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (Vic), schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 to 17 years, unless an exemption has been granted.

The Department of Justice and Community Safety and Department of Education have committed to an attendance target of at least 25 hours per week for young people of compulsory school age who are in custody during school terms.



**The Hon. Enver Erdogan MLC
Minister for Youth Justice**