

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY INTO HOMESCHOOLING**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION**

1. How many students/families did the board of studies advise you had been deregistered from home schooling for each of the past 5 years?

**ANSWER**

Records indicated the following number of students and families who have been registered for home schooling subsequently had their registration cancelled.

Year	Students	Families
2010	0	0
2011	0	0
2012	2	1
2013	0	0
2014 (to date)	1	1

**QUESTION**

2. What happens when you receive such a notification?

**ANSWER**

The approach is essentially the same for any students who the department becomes aware may not be receiving compulsory schooling. This approach is outlined on page 4 of the department's submission.

The department (via a Home School Liaison Officer) will investigate to check if the child is receiving compulsory schooling. The department ensures that the child's parents are aware of their obligations to ensure their child receives an education (as allowed under the Act). The department will support the family to have the child enrolled in a school. Where a parent is unable or unwilling to ensure their child receives compulsory schooling the department may initiate further action. This includes:

- a compulsory schooling conference to provide another opportunity to identify and address any issues that may be preventing the child from receiving compulsory schooling
- an application to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order
- commencing prosecution in the Local Court.

During the department's processes there is significant opportunity for parents to comply with their responsibilities (and where needed receive support to comply with those responsibilities) to ensure their child receives an education. If parents begin to comply with their legal responsibilities during this time legal action is withdrawn.

**QUESTION**

3. What enforcement action have you taken in relation to compulsory school attendance for students who have been deregistered from home schooling?

**ANSWER**

The students identified as deregistered in question 1 are all enrolled at school. Therefore no enforcement action has been taken.