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Der Mr McKay,

## To ask the Minister of Justice to outline what engagements the PSNI has had with schools or students in North Antrim in each of the last 5 years.

The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

Engagement with schools and students in North Antrim, as with other parts of Northern Ireland, has taken place through the Police Service of Northern Ireland's CCEA accredited Citizenship and Safety Education (CASE) Programme.

In each of the last 5 years, and indeed in the period preceding this, officers have delivered this programme to children in primary and post-primary education attending schools in all sectors including Maintained, Controlled, Integrated and Special Schools Sectors within the constituency area of North Antrim.

The CASE programme aims to contribute to the preparation of young people for their adult life, to promote positive citizenship and mutual understanding between young people from different backgrounds, and to establish and reinforce positive and productive contact between police officers and young people in an educational environment.

The programme is complemented by a website, <u>www.urzone.com</u>, which is dedicated to helping young people, their parents and teachers by providing advice on the issues and challenges which young people face.

I would encourage you to raise issues such as this with the District Commander in 'H' District, who has responsibility for policing in the North Antrim area.



I trust this is of assistance.

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