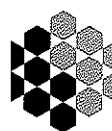


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Dear Paul,

AQW 8201/10 – July 2010

In my response to a written AQ from you on which I replied on 15th July in relation to drop out numbers from the NI further Education colleges I provided you with the following set of data:

College	Academic Year		
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Belfast Metropolitan	4,685	3,874	4,918
Northern Regional	2,800	2,311	2,280
South Eastern Regional	2,609	2,165	1,785
Southern Regional	1,655	1,563	1,441
South West	1,505	1,526	1,457
North West Regional	1,760	1,500	1,965
Total*	15,014	12,939	13,846

However, the figures above relate to total drop-out numbers i.e. from full-time and part-time courses combined. Your question specifically related to drop out numbers from full-time courses. The data for this full-time cohort are presented below:



College	Academic Year		
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Belfast Metropolitan	1,416	1,063	1,132
Northern Regional	812	681	748
South Eastern Regional	676	631	466
Southern Regional	574	666	623
South West	516	576	351
North West Regional	975	844	916
Total*	4,969	4,461	4,236

I should be grateful if you would note this correction and I am placing a copy of this response in the Assembly Library.

Regards

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