

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Siewert asked on 31 May 2012 , Hansard page 55

Question

Length of suspensions/enrolments

Ms Donaldson: The average length of a suspension has been 10 days. Senator SIEWERT: What is the longest? Ms Donaldson: I do not have the longest—I do not have the variations—but I can take that on notice. Senator SIEWERT: That would be great..... Senator SIEWERT: Okay. Of those suspensions, for the enrolment the average is 10 days? Ms Donaldson: Yes, and 22 days for suspension. Senator SIEWERT: Can I ask you to take the same question on notice there, which is one about the longest period of time?

Answer

The maximum period for suspension prior to review is 13 weeks (91 days) for both attendance and enrolment.

Attendance

As at 31 May 2012, two parents have been suspended for this period of time under the attendance component.

Enrolment

As at 31 May 2012, the longest period of suspension recorded under the enrolment component has been 90 days.