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Dear Buffy

Data on Learners in Special schools with ALN/SEN Provision

Following the recent meeting of the Children, Young People and Education (CYPE) Committee, the Cabinet Secretary for Education agreed to provide data on the number of pupils in special schools who have local authority-maintained Individual Development Plans (IDPs).

At January 2025, the PLASC census recorded the following ALN/SEN data for learners in special schools:

- **3,590 learners** had **local authority-maintained IDPs**
- **1,570 learners** had **school-maintained IDPs**
- **1,150 learners** were receiving **SEN provision**, of whom **1,103** had a **statement of SEN**

Please note the following exclusion from these figures:

- **Pupil Referral Units (PRUs)** are not included

I trust this information is helpful

Yours sincerely,

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