

STATEMENT 4 - INDIVIDUALS

COMMENTS - IN AGREEMENT

	PUBLIC	PARENT	YOUNG PERSON	STAFF MEMBER	TOTAL RESPONSES
	403	303	9	46	761
"Lower numbers will cause educational / social disadvantages"	16	16		14	46
"Will enhance child's education"	8	18		3	29
"Geography and transport issues should be considered"	8	6			14
"Class sizes/ school roll could be greater"	4	6			10
"Depends on quality of teacher ability"	6	2		2	10
"Yes - on financial grounds"	3	6			9
"All island schools should be an exception"	2	4		1	7
"Schools should be considered individually"	1	3		2	6
"Communities should be supported"	1	2		1	4
"Non-island schools with roll of under 20 should be closed"	1	2		1	4
"Should apply to Skerries Secondary Dept"	3	1			4
"Cost of provision must be considered; Councillors need to make brave descisions"	2		1	1	4
"Allows a good educational mix"	2	1			3
"Allow for fluctuation as pupils move on"		3			3
"More than 21 is too much for one teacher"	1	2			3
"Consider alternative models for remote isles education"		1		2	3
"All schools under 20 must close"	3				3
"If 20 is the pupil roll for the school"		2			2
"Remote islands need to be included"	1	1			2
"Secondary pupils need peer interaction"		1			1
"Staff recruitment issues in rural areas"				1	1

Match comment on form as closely as possible to the above options. If no match can be found, create new line.

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COMMENTS - AGAINST

	PUBLIC	PARENT	YOUNG PERSON	STAFF MEMBER	TOTAL RESPONSES
	186	205	6	30	427
"Why 20? Where's the evidence?"	15	26	2	12	55
"Smaller classes benefit the child"	6	34			40
"Depends on community, population and geographical issues"	8	27		2	37
"Depends on leadership and abilities of individual teachers"	8	8		1	17
"Rural schools should be retained"	6	7	1		14
"Minimum roll should be lower"	7	5		1	13
"Not in the interests of the child"	6	5			11
"Maximum of 20"	5	4			9
"Smaller schools have been proved to be effective"	5	1	2		8
"Minimum roll should be higher"	3	2		2	7
"Effective education and service delivery is not linked to quantity but quality of provision"	4	2			6
"If small schools are successful, why change?"		5			5
"Pupil roll should not be the deciding factor",	1	3		1	5
"Small schools have high standards and positive atmospheres"	2			3	5
"More one to one teaching"	3		2		5
"This shouldn't apply to isles schools"	1	3			4
"Cost effective not educationally effective"	2			2	4
"Depends on the subject and number of the children-22-24"		2			2
"Should not apply to remote areas either"	1	1			2
"Quality of education provided can be lowered by maximum not minimum roll"	2				2
"Composite P1-7 with 20 plus children too large"		1			1
"Could be social disadvantages"		1			1
"No school should close without community consent"	1				1

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COMMENTS - GENERAL	PUBLIC	PARENT	YOUNG PERSON	STAFF MEMBER	TOTAL RESPONSES
"Question is unclear", "loaded", "leading question"	6	6		1	13
"Not enough information to decide"	5	3		1	9
"School roll should not decisive factor"	1	3		1	5
"Future numbers in community must be considered"	4	1			5
"Depends on distance to be travelled"	1	1	1	1	4
"Depends on teachers and pupils"	1	2			3
"All schools should be under review"	2				2
"Unst should only have one primary school"	2				2
"Schools could be re-opened if rolls reached certain levels"	2				2
"If all parents used local schools the rolls would be higher"	2				2
"No pupil should have to travel more than 10 miles"	1				1
"Should be a degree on flexibility"	1				1
"Teachers could move between schools"	1				1
"School roll not as important as class size"	1				1
"Children under 7 should be educated within walking distance of their homes"	1				1