

## APPENDIX 1

## APRIL 2008 PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

**Pupils in Scotland 2007**

The following information summarises the Scottish Government Statistical Bulletin which was published on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 on the pupil census which took place nationally in September 2007.

Nationally, there has been a downward trend in the number of schools in Scotland since 1999, corresponding with the downward trend in the number of pupils, equivalent to an 8% decrease from the figures reported in 1999, some 62,866 pupils. The number of schools in Moray has remained static since 2000, while pupil numbers increased between 2000 and 2003. Since then, pupil numbers have fallen by 5% to 13,002.

- **Primary Pupils**

The number of Primary pupils in Moray has shown a downward trend from 7,826 in 2002 to 7,038 in 2007, a 10% decrease. Nationally, the number of Primary Pupils has fallen by 9% since 2002, whilst our comparator average has dropped by 7%.

In Moray, the highest proportion of pupils were in Primary 6, a change from Primary 7 in 2005 and 2006. This change is also evident in that of our comparator authority average although nationally the highest proportion of pupils remains in Primary 7.

In Moray, the average class size in all classes was 22.8, an improvement from 23.3 in 2006, remaining just above our comparators average of 22.3 but below the national average of 23.3. In single stage classes, Moray's average class size has decreased from 24.8 in 2006 to 24.3 in 2007, remaining below that of our comparator and the national averages of 24.7 and 24.8 respectively. In composite classes, Moray's average class size has decreased from 20.5 in 2006 to 19.7 in 2007, remaining slightly above that of our comparators average of 19.3 but below the national average of 20.0. In 2007, Moray's average class sizes were above that of our comparator averages in two of the three categories but below national averages in all categories.

In Moray, with the exceptions of Primary 1 and Primary 7, average primary class sizes in all other class stages were below that of our comparator averages and the national average.

Class size bandings have changed from the 2006 census and Primary 1 results are now reported separately, making comparisons between years more complex. The highest proportion of pupils in Primary 1 (86%) were taught in classes of between 19 to 25 pupils, a position mirrored in comparator and national statistics. The highest proportion of pupils in Primary 2 and Primary 3 stages (88%) were taught in classes of between 19 to 30 pupils, again a similar position in comparator and national averages. The highest proportion of pupils in Primary 4 to Primary 7 stages (90%)

were taught in classes of 30 or fewer pupils. In 2006, 48% of pupils were taught in classes of between 26 and 30 pupils and 45% in classes of fewer than 20 to 25.

4.9% of Primary pupils had a Record of Needs, a Coordinated Support Plan and/or an Individualised Educational Programme as at September 2007. This is lower than our comparators average of 5.2% but greater than the national average 4.8%.

- **Secondary Pupils**

In Moray, from 2001 to 2004 there was a 5% increase in the number of Secondary pupils from 5,715 to 6,022, thereafter a 2% decrease to 5,914 in 2006, however secondary pupil numbers have increased by 50 to 5,964 in 2007. Similarly, our comparators average level revealed an upward trend to 2004, thereafter both increasing and decreasing figures have resulted in 2007 pupils numbers being at the same level as they were in 2004. Nationally, there has been an upward trend to 2003, followed by a downward trend to 2007.

The highest proportion of pupils in Moray were in Secondary 4 in 2007, a change from Secondary 3 in 2006. The highest proportion of pupils were in Secondary 4 in comparator and national averages.

In September 2007, 4.8% of secondary pupils had a Record of Needs, Coordinated Support Plan and/or Individualised Educational Programme, a decrease from 6.8% in 2006. This is above both our comparators average of 4.4% and the national average of 4.3%.

In 2007, 74.2% of Secondary 3 pupils in Moray stayed on to Secondary 5, below our comparators average of 75.1% and the national average of 76.3%. 43.8% of Secondary 3 pupils in Moray stayed on to Secondary 6, below our comparators average of 46.0% and the national average of 44.3%.