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Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

School Estate Statistics 2019

The condition ratings for schools are reported by local authorities to the Scottish Government annually as at April each year. Local authorities use our Condition Core Facts guidance to ensure consistency and robustness of the ratings.

The statistics were published at 9.30 am Monday 9 September. These statistics show that the proportion of schools reported as being in good or satisfactory condition has increased to 88.3% (86.6% in 2018). This is substantially higher than in April 2007 (61.1%).

The proportion of pupils educated in schools in “poor” or “bad” condition has decreased from 36.6% of all pupils (around 257,000) in 2007 to 10.3% of all pupils (around 71,000) in 2019.

Since 2007-08, 928 schools have been built or substantially refurbished (includes those with cost of £0.5m+ for primary or £1m+ for secondary and special).

Also, on Monday, the First Minister and Deputy First Minister launched the Learning Estate Strategy and announced the first phase of school projects to benefit from the new £1bn Learning Estate Investment Programme, at Peterhead Academy.

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- The condition ratings for schools are reported by local authorities to the Scottish Government annually.
- The statistics are generally positive and show that the proportion of schools reported as being in good or satisfactory condition has increased to 88.3%, which is substantially higher than the 61.1% reported for April 2007.
- When complete in 2020 the Schools for the Future Programme will have delivered 117 top quality school projects for more than 60,000 pupils – this does not include the local authorities’ own school improvement programs.
- 928 school building projects have been completed during the last 12 years (2007-08 to 2018-19). By comparison, this is more than double the amount of schools (328) completed over the preceding 8 years.
- On Monday, the First Minister and I launched the Learning Estate Strategy and announced the first phase of projects to benefit from the £1 billion Learning Estate Investment Programme

