

Sturgeon in denial about her education priority pledge

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Nicola Sturgeon is “in denial” about the fact she’s failed to act on her now infamous pledge to make education a number one priority.

At First Minister’s Questions today, she was presented with more statistics exposing how education was suffering on the SNP’s watch.

Scottish Conservative interim leader Jackson Carlaw pointed to figures showing a reduction of subjects on offer in Scotland’s schools.

Earlier this week, Universities Scotland said students were losing out as a result, particularly those from more deprived areas.

It follows reports that there are now 3100 fewer teachers than when the SNP took power in 2007.

And only yesterday, Scotland’s chief inspector of education confirmed that failure to recruit teachers “can and in some cases does limit opportunities to lead extensive curriculum improvement”.

Scottish Conservative interim leader Jackson Carlaw said:

“Nicola Sturgeon has nowhere to hide on this issue.

“Her party has been in sole charge of Scotland’s education system since 2007, and she made her own pledge that education would be her top priority on becoming First Minister.

“Clearly that has not been the case, because in a range of areas performance on education continues to be struggle.

“She’s in denial about that pledge, and the fact is she’s failed to act on it.

“She now has to explain to Scotland’s pupils and teachers why she’s failed to come good on this promise.”