

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 939**  
**Asked on 31 August 2004**

MRS E CUNNINGHAM asked the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the 2004-05 Budget –

Are the salary increases from 1 July 2004 for teachers (including on-costs) fully supplemented by additional funding from Treasury without the use of any pre-existing Education Department funds, productivity or efficiency savings; if not, what is the extent in percentage and dollar terms which her department is required to fund?

ANSWER:

The salary increases for teachers are fully funded in the Department's global budget. The Department's appropriation consists of a range of funding sources, including the primary source, which is State funding allocation through Treasury. Remaining revenue sources are identified in the Ministerial Portfolio Statement.

All salary increases and associated on costs are met through these funding sources for a growing workforce. There is no use of pre-existing Departmental funding sources. Productivity and/or efficiency savings were not part of the recent round of Enterprise Bargaining negotiations for teachers.