

**Question on Notice**

**No. 408**

**Asked on 28 March 2006**

**Mr Wellington** asked the Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford)

**QUESTION:**

With reference to State Government primary and high schools located in the Nicklin Electorate – At the date of submitting this question, how many teachers and or school principals are absent from their full time position because they were either acting in a relieving role elsewhere or were absent because of leave considerations?

**ANSWER:**

I am advised by my department that, of the 15 state schools in the Nicklin electorate, the following staff were not in their substantive position as at 28 March 2006 because they were acting in role elsewhere or were absent because of leave considerations:

- (a) Nine of approximately 370 teachers and administrators in the electorate of Nicklin were in acting positions at another school.
- (b) 57 teachers and administrators were on various types of extended leave (including long service leave, maternity, sick or special leave).

Nearly two thirds (37) of those on leave commenced leave prior to the beginning of the 2006 school year, and consequently have not affected teaching arrangements for students.

Regional human resources staff work closely with schools to ensure that all vacancies are filled with high quality replacements.