

Question on Notice

No. 227

Asked on 22 February 2007

MR DEMPSEY asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

QUESTION:

With reference to teaching numbers in Queensland State schools—

Will he provide “pre-day 8” and “post-day 8” figures for each of the following (reported separately) (a) number of full-time Prep Year teachers, (b) number of Prep Year teacher aides, (c) number of composite Prep/Year 1 classrooms and (d) number of ‘one teacher’ schools where Prep is offered?

ANSWER:

‘Pre Day 8’ figures are subject to daily change and are not centrally collected. Day 8 is the day on which students are counted in order to provide staffing to schools.

- (a) Based on the Day 8 enrolment snapshot taken on 7 February 2007, there are approximately 1500 teachers delivering the prep program in state schools across Queensland.
- (b) Based on Day 8 prep enrolments, over 24500 teacher aide hours per week were allocated to state schools. Principals are required to allocate prep teacher aide hours in direct support of the prep program but may also supplement these hours from other allocations.
- (c) Class formation is determined locally by the school principal each year based on actual enrolments. There is no specific data available to confirm the number of composite or multi-age Prep-Year 1 classes.
- (d) Based on the Day 8 2007 enrolment collection, there were 131 one-teacher state schools across Queensland that offered the prep program.