

Question on Notice

No. 35

Asked on 6 February 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the introduction of Prep in Queensland this year-

- (1) How many full-time Prep classroom teachers have been employed by Education Queensland in 2007 specifically for Prep?
- (2) How many of those teachers have recognised early childhood teaching qualifications?

ANSWER:

As I told Parliament on 6 February, there are 1500 classroom teachers currently engaged in delivering Prep in Queensland state schools which includes teachers formerly responsible for delivering the preschool program, other early childhood trained and experienced teachers who were teaching other year levels and the 100 additional teachers allocated to support the implementation of the universal Prep Year.

The prep program required that teachers of Prep held either early childhood qualifications or possessed relevant experience in the teaching of early childhood. Prep teachers had also participated in a specific prep professional development program during 2006.