

Question on Notice

No. 1367

Asked on 7 October 2008

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

QUESTION: With reference to teachers registered with Education Queensland as (a) primary teachers and (b) secondary teachers—

- (1) How many are not currently actively working as teachers?
- (2) How many are (a) seeking a teaching position, (b) working in departmental non-teaching roles and (c) not actively seeking a position (listed separately)?
- (3) What is the longest and average time teachers on those lists have been awaiting placement?

ANSWER:

Teaching graduates upon completion of their course, register to teach through the Queensland College of Teachers. It is a condition of employment within Education Queensland that teachers have the necessary qualifications for registration with the Queensland College of Teachers.

There are currently 11 565 suitably qualified teachers who have applied for some form of employment (either permanent, temporary or casual) with the department as a primary or secondary teacher.

Of those seeking employment with the department as a primary or secondary teacher, 7726 are currently engaged in a temporary capacity or listed as available for casual employment. Data is not held on applicants who have taken non-teaching roles.

It is not possible to provide a reliable indication of the length of time applicants for primary or secondary teaching have been awaiting placement.

It should also be noted that not all teacher applicants seek permanent employment with Education Queensland.