

Question on Notice

No. 1734

Asked on 12 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to students with disabilities for 2006, 2007 and 2008 to date (reported separately)—

- (1) How many students with disabilities are schooled in mainstream schools?
- (2) What is the average size of classes with students with disabilities?
- (3) How many full-time teacher hours and full-time teacher aide hours are available to each class?
- (4) How many schools have classes for students with disabilities?

ANSWER:

(1) The numbers of students with disabilities enrolled in mainstream state schools identified as requiring education adjustment were 16 410 in 2008, 15 282 in 2007 and 14 127 in 2006.

(2) No specific class size data of the nature requested is collected as students with disabilities may work across classes or groups within mainstream classes and/or special education classes/special schools in accordance with their individual education plan.

(3) The numbers of full-time equivalent teachers (FTE) and teacher aides (hours per week) allocated for students with disabilities enrolled in both mainstream state schools and special schools were 3041 teachers and 76 299 teacher aide hours per week in 2008, 2944 teachers and 73 791 teacher aide hours per week in 2007 and 2883 teachers and 71 310 teacher aide hours per week in 2006.

(4) All students with disabilities are able to enrol in their local school on the same basis of students without a disability. In addition, there are 47 state special schools and 486 mainstream state schools that provide specific special education programs for students with disabilities.