

Question on Notice

No. 1869

Asked on 27 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

In relation to each primary school in the electorate of Gladstone—

(1) For each teacher what teacher aide hours have been allocated (reported separately) and which schools have been required to re-direct teacher and hours from other areas of their schools?

(2) How does the allocated teacher aide hours compare with the mandatory staff structure at preschools and day care centres as directed by legislation?

ANSWER:

Teacher aide time is not allocated to schools based on the number of teachers. The Bligh Government's focus is on the number of students and their level of need.

Apart from the specific teacher aide allocations for prep and the additional early years hours, each individual school has the discretion to allocate their teacher aide time across Years P–7 to best meet the specific needs of their student cohort.

The state primary schools in the Gladstone electorate have the following teacher aide allocations per week: Ambrose SS - 60.0, Benaraby SS - 68.5, Boyne Island SS - 119, Builyan SS - 21, Calliope SS - 153, Clinton SS - 241, Gladstone Central SS - 118, Gladstone South SS - 150.5, Gladstone West SS - 247.5, Kin Kora SS - 225, Mount Larcom SS - 73, Nagoorin SS - 23, Tannum Sands SS - 195, Ubobo SS - 64, Yarwun SS - 50.5. No information is collected centrally on allocations to specific year levels.

Under the former Preschool provision, teacher aides were allocated based on the number of approved classes.

Policy pertaining to the staffing of day care centres is currently the responsibility of the Department of Communities.