

## Question on Notice

No. 232

Asked on 27 February 2008

Mr Ian Rickuss MP, Member for Lockyer asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) —

### QUESTION:

1. How many teachers were on a contract at the end of the 2007 teaching year?
2. Of those teachers who were on a contract at the end of last year, how many were reappointed this year (2008) on a contract?
3. How many teachers are currently employed on a contract?
4. How does this relate to the number of teachers on contract at this time in 2007, 2006 and 2005 (reported separately)?

### ANSWER:

The number of teachers employed by Education Queensland varies on a daily basis to meet the changing needs of schools. At the end of the 2007 school year, 5194 teachers were employed on a temporary basis. These contracts were to replace teachers on approved leave or hold vacancies for teachers who transfer following service in rural/remote locations.

Of the 5194 teachers employed on a contract at the end of the 2007 school year, 3107 have been reappointed to contracts in state schools since the commencement of the 2008 school year.

As at 27 February 2008, 4936 teachers are employed by the Department of Education, Training and the Arts in a contract that ceases on or extends beyond that date. This represents approximately 12% of Education Queensland's teaching workforce.

The number of teachers on contract has increased in each year between 2005 and 2008 due to an increase in the uptake of long service and parental leave by permanent employees.