

Question on Notice

No. 279

Asked on 28 February 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to Education Queensland—

Will he outline for the past five years (reported separately) the total number of teachers employed (broken down into full-time, part-time and contractual)?

ANSWER:

The number of teachers employed by Education Queensland varies on a daily basis to meet the changing needs of schools.

In 2003 there were 30 474 full time teachers and 6341 part time teachers. Of these 36 815 teachers, 4058 were temporary.

In 2004 there were 30 853 full time teachers and 6901 part time teachers. Of these 37 754 teachers, 4470 were temporary.

In 2005 there were 30 674 full time teachers and 7180 part time teachers. Of these 37 854 teachers, 4491 were temporary.

In 2006 there were 31 360 full time teachers and 7583 part time teachers. Of these 38 943 teachers, 5087 were temporary.

In 2007 there were 32 159 full time teachers and 7920 part time teachers. Of these 40 079 teachers, 5787 were temporary.

There has been an increase in the number of teachers on contract due to an increase in the uptake of long service and parental leave by permanent employees.

Temporary teachers are used to fill the roles of permanent teachers who are on leave and to take on roles in schools where enrolments fluctuate. Temporary teachers are necessary to give schools flexibility in staffing.