

## Question on Notice

No. 1423

Asked on 7 October 2009

**Mr Horan** asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

### QUESTION:

With reference to the teaching workforce—

- (1) How many teachers joined in 2008 and 2009 to date?
- (2) How many of the teachers who commenced teaching in both the last three and five years remain teaching in state schools or high schools?
- (3) How many teachers who commenced teaching from 2000 have subsequently resigned and what is the average length of service for all teachers commencing since 2000?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

A total of 2,157 (2009.04 FTE) teachers joined the Department in 2008 as permanent teachers, and a further 1,880 (1,759.42 FTE) have joined to date in 2009.

Of the 19,351.7 teachers (FTE) who have permanently joined the department from the Year 2000, 2,855.6 FTE have since resigned.

The separation rate for teachers is consistently lower than that in other public service professions.

The average length of service for all teachers commencing since 2000:

Year of commencement	Average Length of Service (Years)
2000	6.9
2001	6.5
2002	5.8
2003	5.4
2004	4.6
2005	4.0
2006	3.2
2007	2.3
2008	1.5
2009	0.6