

Question on Notice
No. 902
Asked on 14 June 2011

Mrs Pratt asked the Minister for Education and Industrial Relations (Mr Dick) —

QUESTION:

With reference to Taabinga State School Kingaroy—

How many (a) staff, (b) teachers and (c) aides have taken (i) long service, (ii) sick leave, (iii) holidays, or (iv) applied for transfers in the last three years to date and the previous three years (listed separately by leave type)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

The following information provides details of the instances of long service leave, sick leave and annual/recreation leave taken by staff at Taabinga State School for the period 2009 to June 2011.

Teachers receive paid leave over scheduled school vacations. They also receive four weeks' annual leave loading per year. Teachers do not specifically accrue annual leave. As a result, annual leave for teachers is reported as N/A (not applicable) in the table below.

Teacher Aides receive four weeks' annual leave once per year, during the Christmas school holidays.

The following information relates to leave for 2009, 2010 and 2011 and is presented as leave instances. A leave instance refers to an application for leave irrespective of the time period. Employees may have more than one application or instance for of each of the leave types.

In 2009, five teachers at Taabinga State School took long service leave; 25 teachers took long service in 2010; and six have taken long service in 2011.

In 2009, 135 teachers took sick or family responsibility leave and one applied for a transfer request. The number taking sick or family responsibility in 2010 was 155; and in 2011 to date, 75 have taken this kind of leave. There were no transfer requests for teacher in either of these years.

In 2009, five teacher aides took long service leave; in 2010 there were seven; and in 2011 one teacher aide has gone on long service leave.

The number of teacher aides that took sick or family responsibility leave in 2009 was 54; in 2010 it was 56; and to date this year, 17 teacher aides have taken this leave.

Eleven teacher aides went on annual leave in 2009 and 2010. Two teacher aides applied for transfer in 2010. To date in 2011, no teacher aides have taken annual leave or applied for transfers.

In 2009, four other staff — which includes cleaners, public servants, janitors and groundspersons — took long service leave. In 2010, seven took this leave and in 2011, three other staff have gone on long service leave.

Forty-five employees categorised as other staff took sick or family responsibility leave in 2009; 35 in 2010; and 16 in 2011.

In 2009, eight of these staff went on annual leave; 12 in 2010; and two in 2011.