

Question on Notice

No. 570

Asked on 20 August 2013

Ms Trad asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (MR LANGBROEK) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 81 of the Budget Strategy and Outlook, which shows an increase of only 398 FTEs, yet page 3 of the Minister's SDS includes allocating 724 teachers and teacher aides in response to enrolment growth—

Will the Minister account for the 326 FTE shortfall?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question and refer her to the answer I gave to the same question during the 2013 Estimates Education and Innovation Committee hearing.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment's workforce grows each year in response to student enrolment increases and the establishment of new schools and facilities. At the same time, we have been commencing significant reforms across the portfolio. We are employing more staff to deliver improved services to Queensland in 2013 and 2014. Schools will benefit from some 724 additional teachers and teacher aides to meet enrolment growth. The net overall FTE growth of the agency in 2013-14 is expected to be 398 FTEs. The difference between the growth in the school education section of the Department and other areas of the Department reflects the budgeted changes across the Department in other areas. The government is committed to our reform agenda in all our business units and will shift our staffing profile accordingly.