

Question on Notice

No. 31

Asked on 14 February 2017

MR M MCARDLE ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR TOURISM, MAJOR EVENTS AND THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES (HON K JONES) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many teachers and teacher aides were employed in schools (reported separately by teachers, teacher aides and by region) as at 1 February 2017?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing the best possible education to students in Queensland, no matter where they live. We are also committed to supporting teachers in the great work they do every day in our state school classrooms.

We made a commitment to employ more teachers to restore the cuts of the previous LNP government and that is exactly what we have done.

Over three years we are employing 875 extra teachers above enrolment growth in state schools – ensuring more individual attention for students and helping meet our class size targets.

Allocations of teachers and teacher aides to Queensland State Schools are based on an annual Day 8 enrolment collection. In 2017, this collection was undertaken on 2 February 2017. As at this date, the breakdown of teacher FTEs and teacher aide hours per week allocations (by educational region) are:

Region Name	2017 Teacher FTE	2017 Teacher Aide Hours Per Week
Central Queensland	3445.23	27,903.99
Darling Downs South West	3237.13	28,158.32
Far North Queensland	2645.84	20,902.91
Metropolitan	10,300.50	73,595.19
North Coast	8145.74	59,889.65
North Queensland	2405.21	19,619.55
South East	8158.21	57,542.22
Total	38,337.86	287,611.83

Note: This data includes special needs and school support. Teacher aide data are allocated and reported by the Department in hours per week.