Question on Notice No. 483

Asked on 24 May 2022

MR R STEVENS ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many (a) Principals and (b) Teachers, are currently suspended with pay and the dates the suspensions began?

ANSWER:

As at 3 June 2022, there are four principals and 158 teachers who are suspended with pay under the *Public Service Act 2008* and many are related to COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

A breakdown of the commencement years of suspensions is provided in **Attachment 1**. Please note that due to privacy concerns, dates for suspensions cannot be provided as this may lead to identification of those individuals on suspension.

Table 1: Commencement years of the suspensions by calendar year for principals and teachers

Calendar Year	No. of paid suspensions commenced in the calendar year	
2019	8	
2020	3	
2021	16	
2022 – as at 3 June 2022	135	
Total	162	

Table 2: Commencement year of the suspensions of principals

Date	Count
2019	0
2020	0
2021	0
2022 – as at 3 June 2022	4
Total	4

 Table 3: Commencement year of the suspensions of teachers

Date	Count
2019	8
2020	3
2021	16
2022 – as at 3 June 2022	131
Total	158