

Question on Notice
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QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of current vacant teacher positions (reported separately by region) as at the end of May 2023?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education continues to work with state schools to address current and emerging teacher workforce needs.

Workforce supply challenges in schools are a key issue for all Australian states, territories and sectors.

Teacher vacancies are a normal part of the workforce cycle and can occur for various reasons, including planned and unplanned leave; teachers successfully transferring to another school; promotion to a school leadership position or senior role in the department; teachers returning to higher education institutes to pursue further study; resignations; and retirement.

The number and nature of vacancies change throughout the year in response to school and student needs.

The current teacher vacancy rate in Queensland state schools is less than 2% of the total teacher workforce of over 48,000 full-time equivalents.

The current declared teacher vacancies as at 31 May 2023, funded by the workforce allocation directly to schools (permanent and temporary) for each of the seven regions across the State are provided below:

Central Queensland (CQR) – 60

Darling Downs-South West (DSR) – 43

Far North Queensland (FNQ) – 29

Metropolitan (MER) – 103

North Coast (NCR) – 21

North Queensland (NQR) – 52

South East (SER) – 74