

Question on Notice
No. 848
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DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Rural and Remote Teacher Experience Program—

Will the Minister advise from 2018 to date (reported separately by calendar year) (a) annual expenditure, (b) number of participant commencements and (c) number of participants who transferred to a rural or remote school?

ANSWER:

In 2024–25, even more Queensland state school teachers will have the opportunity to experience living and teaching in rural and remote communities across the state. On 12 June 2024, the Honourable Steven Miles MP, Premier, and I announced that the Queensland Government has doubled the funding for the Rural and Remote Teacher Experience program for 2024–25 to \$500,000.

(a) Since 2018, the annual expenditure for the Rural and Remote Teacher Experience Program was:

- \$88,983.91 in 2018;
- \$85,525.01 in 2019;
- \$45,746.65 in 2020;
- \$124,879.04 in 2021;
- \$134,141.54 in 2022;
- \$73,016.46 in 2023; and
- \$13,844.74 in 2024 (year-to-date).

Annual expenditure covers Teacher Relief Scheme funding, transport, accommodation, meal allowances and incidentals.

(b) Since 2018, there have been a total 116 participants in the Rural and Remote Teacher Experience Program:

- 19 in 2018;
- 25 in 2019;
- no intake in 2020 due to the COVID–19 pandemic;
- 24 in 2021;
- 30 in 2022;
- 12 in 2023; and
- six in 2024 (year-to-date).

(c) Since 2018, 55 participants of the Rural and Remote Teacher Experience Program have accepted a position in a state school located in an ‘Outer Regional’, ‘Remote’ or ‘Very Remote’ location:

- zero transfers in 2018;
- five in 2019;

- six in 2020;
- eight in 2021;
- 13 in 2022;
- 11 in 2023; and
- 12 in 2024 (year-to-date).

It should be noted that some participants do not transfer immediately after undertaking the program.

Outer regional, remote or very remote is defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Australian Statistical Geography Standard—Remoteness Area classification (ASGS-RA)
<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/australian-statistical-geography-standard-asgs-edition-3/jul2021-jun2026/remoteness-structure>.