

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 781**  
**Asked on 25 June 2026**

**HON D FARMER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the total number of unfilled vacancies in schools across Queensland, reported separately by region and (a) Teachers, (b) Teacher Aides, (c) School Cleaners and Administrative Staff?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

Within the Department of Education, it is only possible to provide a reliable total number of vacancies for (a) teacher positions. At the end of Term 2, 2026 the total number of vacancies for teachers was 521, a rate of 1.13%.

A breakdown of teacher vacancies per region (at end of Term 2) is provided in the table below.

| Region                   | Vacancies |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Central Queensland       | 92        |
| Darling Downs South West | 52        |
| Far North Queensland     | 78        |
| Metropolitan North       | 21        |
| Metropolitan South       | 82        |
| North Coast              | 27        |
| North Queensland         | 119       |
| South East Queensland    | 50        |

It is not possible to provide a reliable total number of vacancies for (b) Teacher Aides, (c) School Cleaners and Administrative Staff, as school-based staff (94% of the workforce) are not managed through a department-wide position management framework that records vacant positions in a way that supports consistent reporting across all business areas.

As at March 2026, the department's workforce grew by 2,012.4 full-time equivalent (FTE) compared with March 2025, with 98% of that growth in Key Frontline or Frontline Support roles, including more than 1,000 FTE in school-based teacher roles.