

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — SCHOOL PRINCIPALS — APPOINTMENT

372. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Education:

For each of the years 2011 and 2012 —

- (1) How many principals who have never served in the role previously were appointed to primary schools?
- (2) How many principals who have never served in the role previously were appointed to secondary schools?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(2) The Department of Education advises that the following figures represent the number of principals appointed in 2011 and 2012, including those who previously had served in an acting principal capacity only. In 2011, 15 were appointed to primary schools, eight to secondary schools and three to other schools, which means district high schools and remote community schools. In 2012, 15 were appointed to primary schools, one to a secondary school and two to other schools. The Department of Education advises that the following figures represent the number of principals appointed in 2011 and 2012 who had never served in a principal role previously. In 2011, seven were appointed to primary schools, zero to secondary schools and three to other schools. In 2012, one was appointed to a primary school, one to a secondary school and two to other schools. There are 509 primary schools, 86 secondary schools and 171 other schools, being district high schools and remote community schools, in Western Australia.