

EDUCATION - HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHERS

5077. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to question on notice No. 4711, about teachers of science and mathematics, which was answered on 29 May 2007, and I ask -

- (1) How many, or what proportion of, science teachers in Western Australia have the qualifications that were outlined in the response to that question?
- (2) What is the current number of teachers teaching science at high school level in Western Australian public schools?
- (3) What is the current demand for science teachers in Western Australian public schools?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

1. The number of science teachers currently on the Department of Education and Training's secondary science establishment as of 15 August 2007 is 1021.

(Data Source: Manual report from TES 2007 List of Science teachers).

2. Teachers are deployed by Principals according to student needs. There is no central database that keeps records of teachers and the learning areas that they are deployed to within schools.

3. As of 14 August 2007 the Department is seeking to fill 11 science positions across the State.

(Data Source: Manual report from TES - vacancy report 14/8/2007).

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