

**DIVISION 4: PUBLIC SECTOR COMMISSION —**

***[Supplementary Information No A17.]***

*Question: Ms R. Saffioti asked whether 11 000 extra teachers and police officers had been recruited in the past two years – what is the cap?*

*Answer:* No, there is no cap on the numbers of teachers and police officers by this Government which has undertaken multiple strategies to increase the number of both to provide better services to Western Australian families. As a result, there has been a reduction in crime statistics and for two years in a row the school year has started without a teacher shortage as was experienced under the previous Government.

On 22 December 2008, Cabinet approved the imposition of a ceiling on the FTE levels in the general government sector. The 2009-10 FTE ceiling is calculated on an agency-by-agency basis using FTE estimates, as published in the Budget, and adjusted for the FTE impact of election commitments and other policy decisions approved by Cabinet.

The FTE Ceiling for 2009/10 is 102,911, representing 82 General Government appropriation funded agencies. In comparison, as at December 2009, the 82 agencies employed an 'Average Paid FTE' of 101,586 (i.e. 'the actual' was below the Government imposed FTE ceiling).