

EDUCATION — LIMITED AUTHORITY TO TEACH REGISTRATION

879. Mr P.J. Rundle to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the Department of Education's policy of appointing teachers with Limited Authority to Teach (LAT) registration into schools and I ask:

- (a) Could you please provide numbers of LAT teachers for the following regions who are currently in teaching roles:
- (i) Metropolitan;
  - (ii) Midwest;
  - (iii) Goldfields;
  - (iv) Kimberley;
  - (v) Pilbara;
  - (vi) Wheatbelt;
  - (vii) Southwest; and
  - (viii) Great Southern?

**Dr A.D. Buti replied:**

- (a) 'Limited Authority to Teach' is not a term contemplated in the scheme of teacher registration that operates in Western Australia. The correct term is 'Limited Registration'.

To be eligible for Limited Registration, a nominated teacher must:

- have an offer of a teaching position;
- have the required skills, expertise and/or qualification(s) for the duties of the teaching position;
- meet the English language requirements for Limited Registration; and
- be a fit and proper person to be registered as a teacher.

The circumstances where an application for Limited Registration may be made include:

Filling teaching positions where specialist skills are difficult to source, or where a qualified teacher is not available. These include, for example, Aboriginal languages and other languages, music and arts/dance teaching positions.

Pre-service teachers in the final year of a teaching qualification at an Australian university for part-time, fixed-term, casual relief vacancies.

As at 13 September 2023, the number of teachers holding Limited Registration working in Department of Education schools was:

- (i) Metropolitan – 380
- (ii) Midwest – 28
- (iii) Goldfields – 38
- (iv) Kimberley – 18
- (v) Pilbara – 34
- (vi) Wheatbelt – 37
- (vii) Southwest – 42
- (viii) Great Southern – Not applicable. The Department of Education has no region of that name.