

SCHOOLS - TRANSPORTABLE/DEMOUNTABLE CLASSROOMS

2847. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Education and Training

How many transportable/demountable classrooms were utilised in Western Australian government schools for each year from 2000 to 2007 inclusive?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

The Department's stock of demountable and transportable classrooms is made up of general classrooms, science rooms, home economic rooms, manual arts room, composites secondary classrooms, early childhood classrooms, library resource centres, administration areas, toilet and disabled bathrooms. Transportable classrooms are used in the first instance to address enrolment shortfalls due to increased enrolments. Transportable classrooms are also used to provide additional accommodation for the Government initiative for reduced class sizes in Years 1-3 and Years 8-9 and more recently the changes to the school leaving age. The continued use of temporary classrooms is a key component of the Department's asset management strategy. It enables the Department to cater for fluctuations in student enrolment in the short to medium term. It also guards against long-term over provision of fixed permanent facilities as the population ages and enrolments decline. All transportables and demountables are air cooled, irrespective of location throughout the State.

2000	1759	2004	2067
2001	1813	2005	2099
2002	1855	2006	2160
2003	2037	2007	2196