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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**1 December 2021**

Asked by Mrs Kikkert

Minister, of the 42.5 FTE equivalent, how many will be qualified classroom teachers, given that the budget line is for special needs teachers only? Please answer directly.

**MS BERRY MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The budget initiative referred to in the question is not for special needs teachers only.

Page 162 of the 2021-22 Budget Outlook states: "The Government will continue to support an increase in students with additional needs in ACT public schools. The funding will provide the equivalent of 42 full-time learning professionals and support staff to meet significant growth in the ACT school system between 2020 and 2021."

As previously advised in response to the question taken on notice during budget estimates (QTON No. EC13), it is expected that most of the resources will be used for classroom teachers but the staffing requirements for individual schools are determined at the local school level, in consultation with the Education Support Office.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**

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