



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder MLA on 16 November 2023: Mr Matthews took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: FTE number of teachers that have separated.

MS LAWDER: And just to clarify a question from my second question, I said how many teachers have left this year and you talked about some of the reasons, but I just failed to write down the number of teachers that have left this year.

Mr Matthews: Do you have that information, Mr Ackland?

Mr Ackland: I have a percentage. So the percentage separation rate was 7.3 per cent as reported in the annual report, but as Mr Matthews said, we have already seen a reduction in that number because that number was higher due to the administrative process undertaken by the directorate for forfeiture of office.

MS LAWDER: So is there a number for that 7.3 per cent or can you give me a percentage for the 126 net increase?

Mr Ackland: We would be able to provide that on notice.

Mr Matthews: Yes, yes.

MS LAWDER: Just so I can compare apples with apples.

Mr Matthews: We will have to take that one on notice, minister, to give you an exact FTE number of staff that have left, teachers that have left.

MS LAWDER: Yes, thank you.

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The separation rate of 7.3 per cent as outlined in the Annual Report is calculated using staff headcount. In the 2022-23 Financial Year, there were a total of 234 teacher separations (headcount).

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Date: 22/11/23

By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Ms Yvette Berry MLA.