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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Education and Youth Affairs

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In relation to: Learning Support Assistants

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Date Answer Due: 08/08/2024

- (1) How much funding has been allocated for the provision of learning support assistants (LSA's) in public schools?
- (2) How many LSA's are there broken down by full time, part time and casuals?
- (3) Which public schools have LSA's and how many do they have broken down by full time, part time and casuals?
- (4) How many students can be assigned to the care of an LSA?
- (5) How is the remuneration for an LSA decided?

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

- (1) ACT Public Schools receive funding through Student Resource Allocation (SRA) which is a student needs-based funding model. The model provides funding for core allocation, needs-based allocation and other specific programs including preschools. The funding model generally determines allocations based on enrolment and specific programs and does not determine the allocation by specific staff classification. Schools determine the learning support assistants (LSAs) based on the need within the overall staffing budget.
- (2) This information is not available.
- (3) All public schools excluding Birrigai employ Learning Support Assistants. A further breakdown is not available.
- (4) There are no defined limits of how many students can be supported by a Learning Support Assistant.
- (5) Section R of the *ACT Public Sector Administrative and Related Classifications Enterprise Agreement 2023–2026* provides the minimum classification level for School Assistant designations.
 - The Learning Support Assistant local designation starts at the School Assistant 2/3 classification.

- The salary for the School Assistant 2/3 classification is available under Annex A of the *ACT Public Sector Administrative and Related Classifications Enterprise Agreement 2023–2026* and starts at \$55,880 based on the current rate of pay.
- All School Assistants also receive a School Support Allowance of \$1,500 as a flat rate paid in equal fortnightly instalments.

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Signature:



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