



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Education and Early Childhood

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In relation to: Education and School Staffing

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Answer Due: 05/12/2025

(1) What long-term guarantees can the government make to protect student/teacher ratios in ACT public schools?

(2) Will the government guarantee that class sizes will not be increased due to managing current education budget challenges?

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

1. Maximum face-to-face teaching hours and class sizes are governed by the *ACT Public Sector Education Directorate (Teaching Staff) Enterprise Agreement 2023-2026* and the [Class Size Policy and Procedures](#). Changes to maximum face-to-face teaching hours can only be made through enterprise agreement bargaining, whilst class sizes can only be amended in agreement with the Australian Education Union.
2. Class sizes in ACT public schools are determined in accordance with the [Class Size Policy and Procedures](#). Where review and amendments are required to the Policy and Procedures, they must be finalised by agreement between the Education Directorate and the Australian Education Union.

The Government has made a number of important commitments to ensure no school will be required to reduce staff below 2025 levels whilst the Public School System Resourcing Review is undertaken and the Government's response is determined.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Signature:

By the Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Yvette Berry MLA

Date:

19/12/25