



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
19 October 2021

Asked by MR HANSON on 19 October 2021 MS LE took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Teacher employment: FTE shortfall; what is the quantum of that; how many current vacancies is ED trying to fill; how many new registered teachers; a break down how many of that 42.5 are actually registered frontline teachers; who is actually going to be in a classroom teaching out of that 42.5 positions; why is the money for 400 promised teachers not in this budget; how can you say you are going over and above?

MINISTER BERRY The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Directorate undertakes ongoing recruitment for teachers, which reflects the growing public education system in the ACT.

The *Equitable Enrolment Adjustment* budget initiative provides funding to schools for the equivalent to 42.5 full time equivalent positions, which includes teaching and support staff. 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.

The 2021-22 Budget also provided additional resources through new budget initiatives, including recruiting youth and social workers and the Headstart pilot program.

These initiatives demonstrate the Government's commitment to hire more than 400 teachers and support staff over the term of this Government.

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