

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2

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Senator Mason asked on 4 June 2008, EEW R Hansard page 78:

Question

Numbers and percentage of qualified high school language teachers

Senator MASON—Have you done any research about the shortfall? What does the department know about the shortfall in teachers trained to teach in languages other than English?

Ms Hird—We know that there are supply issues and that we do need more languages teachers. That is one of the issues this program will help address.

Senator MASON—We all agree on that. Do we have any numbers? How many teachers in high school are qualified to teach in languages other than English? What was the percentage?

Answer

The Department does not have information about the number of high school teachers qualified to teach in languages other than English, nor the percentage that these teachers would form of overall high school teacher numbers.