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Question

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Senator MASON—I would like to move to Indigenous education. In the lead-up to the 2007 federal election the government promised us the ‘200 teachers for the Territory’ program. What is the retention rate for the 200 teachers hired for the Northern Territory as a result of that program?

Ms Bruniges—I think we will have to take the retention issue on notice.

Answer

For the government schools involved in the program, the NT Department of Education and Training (DET) advise that of the 46 teachers recruited in 2008, 29 were still in place at the end of 2009 and 16 were still in place at the end of 2010. Of the 58 new teachers recruited to eligible schools in 2009, 33 were still in place by the end of 2010. A further 78.5 FTE teachers were recruited in 2010. Note that retention is defined as individual teachers remaining at the same school.

In relation to the participating Northern Territory Catholic schools, of the four teachers employed in 2008, three were still in place in 2009 and one was still in place in 2010. Of the eight new teachers employed in 2009, six were still in place at the end of 2010. This is a total of seven teachers retained under the program at the end of 2010. In 2010 a further nine new teachers were recruited in Catholic schools.

Of the three teachers in independent schools, one teacher was appointed in 2009 and is still in place and the two others were appointed in 2010.