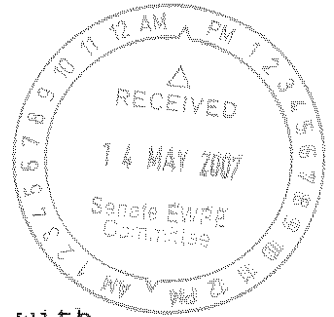


SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE ETC.

FROM: Dr Barrie J. Young

Training of Teachers.



For the past decade I have worked as a contract teacher with Education Queensland usually for periods up to seven months.

Given my previous tertiary experience both here and in North America, I was often put in charge of the student teachers from the universities in the area.

On a number of occasions these people told me that their lecturers in Education at the universities had no practical teaching experience: they were theorists, well qualified but with no high school classroom experience.

This lack of practice was evident in the teaching done by the students - it was extremely tentative and lacked focus on the problems

I would strongly suggest that the inquiry be expanded to examine the skills of the lecturers and their ability to train the students in practical classroom applications.

In haste,

Dr Barrie J. Young

ENC: Brief cv and 2 letters of reference.