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ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER EDUCATION OFFICERS — KUNUNURRA, BROOME AND DERBY

272. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the Aboriginal and Islander education officers at Kununurra District High School, Broome Senior High School and Derby District High School.

- (1) How many full-time equivalent AIEOs were employed at each of these schools in term 4, 2013?
- (2) How many actual employees filled the AIEO positions at each of these schools in term 4, 2013?
- (3) How many full-time equivalent AIEOs are currently employed at these schools; that is, in term 1, 2014?
- (4) How many actual employees are currently filling the AIEO positions at each of these schools?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

(1)–(4) I have the information in tabular form, which I ask to be incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

	Kununurra District High School	Broome Senior High School	Derby District High School
(1)	7.18 FTE	7.6 FTE	10.7 FTE
(2)	8 employees	8 employees	11 employees
(3)	6.42 FTE	4.9 FTE	8.32 FTE
(4)	7 employees	6 employees	9 employees

These figures reflect only what was provided through the Department of Education's staffing allocation.

The previous allocation for Aboriginal and Islander education officers was based on an outdated formula that provided a different level of support depending on the year level of the student. Under the new arrangements, the multiplier has been altered so that Aboriginal students receive the same level of education assistant support regardless of their year level. While there have been reductions in the total number of Aboriginal and Islander education officers, every Aboriginal student will still receive an appropriate and consistent level of education assistant support.