

CORONAVIRUS — MANDATORY VACCINATIONS — TEACHERS

971. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to question without notice 946, which I asked on 11 November 2021.

- (1) How many staff have now responded to the survey?
- (2) How many have said they are teachers; and, of the teachers who have responded how many have received only one dose of the vaccine and how many are fully vaccinated?
- (3)
 - (a) Can the minister confirm that leave without pay is being revoked in some schools in relation to concerns around staffing?
 - (b) Was this a directive of the Department of Education?
- (4) Were TAFE college lecturers sent a similar survey; and, if not, will they and when will that occur?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) As at 15 November 2021, 28 075 staff had responded. The Department of Education is continuing to receive responses.
- (2) The survey did not ask respondents to specify their role within a school. It would be onerous to separate teachers from other education staff. It is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to divert staff away from their normal duties to do this while we are continuing to receive responses.
- (3)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) Not applicable.
- (4) Yes.