

CORONAVIRUS — MANDATORY VACCINATIONS — TEACHERS

1044. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to staff in schools and their vaccination status, and the survey mentioned in the minister's response to question without notice 946.

- (1) Will the minister please table a copy of the survey questions sent to staff in schools?
- (2) Is it correct that staff who are on the deferred salary scheme are being asked by the department to remain teaching if they were due for a year of paid leave; and, if no, does the minister condemn or endorse this strategy?
- (3) Has the department or a representative sent any correspondence or requests to teachers across the education system relating to staffing issues due to mandatory vaccination concerns in the past fortnight; and, if yes, can the minister please table those documents?
- (4) Can the minister now confirm that students will have a teacher in front of every classroom when school resumes in 2022?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) I seek leave to have the response incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

The workforce census questions are as follows:

- (1) Are you working in or required to enter a remote Aboriginal community as part of your work? Yes/No.
 - (2) Do you work at a school site for all or any part of your role? (This includes schools and residential facilities/boarding schools.) Yes/No.
 - (3) Are you already fully vaccinated for COVID-19 with two doses? Yes/No. Only complete if you have answered "No" to Q3.
 - (4) Are you intending to meet the mandated requirement of being fully vaccinated for your place of work? Yes/No. Only complete if you have answered "No" to Q4.
 - (5) Do you intend to apply for a medical exemption? Yes/No.
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- (2) No; and, not applicable.
- (3) No system-wide emails have been sent to teachers regarding staffing issues due to mandatory vaccination concerns. The Department of Education sends regular correspondence to staff regarding COVID-19 preparedness and the vaccine mandate.
- (4) The Department of Education employs a range of strategies at the local level to ensure that there is a teacher in front of every class.