

PUBLIC SCHOOLS — TEACHING POSITIONS

3293. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Minister for Education and Training:

As at today's date, how many teaching positions, by FTE and headcount, are at Western Australian public schools and how many of those are on fixed term contracts?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

The McGowan Government made a commitment for eligible public servants employed on casual or fixed-term basis to be considered for permanency, delivering better job security for workers and improved services for the community. This resulted in an additional 408 employees under the Teaching Award converting to permanent employment since 2018.

There is always a need for a certain number of fixed term contracts when you cannot fill the teaching position on an ongoing basis due to it being for a defined and limited program of work or a vacancy due to leave of absence.

As at 15 October 2020, the total employed under the Teaching Award by headcount and Full-Time Equivalent (FTE), and the number of those on fixed-term contracts was:

	Total	Fixed-term
Headcount	26 972	5 031
FTE	23 036	3 562