

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING — STAFF — WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

23. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the requirement that Department of Education (DoE) teachers, education assistants and non-teaching employees who have contact with children have a Working With Children Check (WWCC), and I ask:

- (a) (a) how many DoE positions are identified as child-related work;
- (b) (b) how many of these employees do not have a valid WWCC; and
- (c) (c) further to (b), how many of these employees do not have an application in process?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

(a) 21 158

Many of these positions are occupied by more than one individual (eg part-time or job sharing arrangements). As a consequence of the amalgamation of the Department of Education (DoE) with the Department of Education Services and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, work is being conducted to ensure positions in child-related employment are reflected in the HRMIS and Working With Children (WWC) system.

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As of 3 August 2017, there were 31 staff who do not hold a valid WWCC. Each of these staff is on extended leave and not currently at the school against which they are recorded.

They are not at any public school. These employees will not have provided their site manager with their new application or card details in order for their record to be updated. Therefore, they are not reflected in the WWC system. Principals and managers must confirm, record and store WWCC details for all employees when they commence at their location.

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