

TEACHERS — FORECAST DEMAND AND SUPPLY

7135. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Education

- (1) What is the forecast demand and expected supply of teachers at primary school for the calendar years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?
- (2) What is the forecast demand and expected supply of teachers in secondary schools for the calendar years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?
- (3) What are the forecast demand and supply shortfalls by secondary speciality areas (English, Maths, Science, etc.) for the 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 calendar years?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

The projections in (1)–(2) below differ to those published by the former Government in 2008 which projected overall teacher workforce shortfalls in 2009 and from 2011 to 2017.

In fact, there were no overall shortfalls in 2009 to 2012. More recent analysis projects a marginal overall surplus in 2015.

All projections are premised on a range of assumptions, such as economic and labour market conditions and university enrolments, remaining constant between now and 2015.

Should a shortfall eventuate, interventions such as the recruitment of teachers from interstate (currently there is an excess of around 36,000 teachers in New South Wales and an excess of around 16,000 in Queensland) or overseas, the retraining of primary school teachers and their subsequent transfer to secondary schools and participation in programs such as Teach for Australia and Teach Next would be contemplated to address such a shortfall.

- (1) The figures below show forecast surplus/shortfall by the Department of Education for teachers at primary schools in Western Australia (Government and non-Government):

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Primary Teacher Surplus	1 695	1 580	1 569	2 629
Primary Teacher Shortfall	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- (2) The figures below show forecast surplus/shortfall by the Department of Education for teachers at secondary schools in Western Australia (Government and non-Government):

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Secondary Teacher Surplus	817	819	382	N/A
Secondary Teacher Shortfall	N/A	N/A	N/A	2586

- (3) The Department of Education does not have the data to provide a forecast of demand and supply shortfalls by secondary speciality areas. .