

SCHOOLS — EDUCATION ASSISTANTS —
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT AND HEADCOUNT POSITIONS

4149. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

How many Education Assistants are currently employed by the Department of Education, by FTE and headcount, for the calendar years of:

- (a) 2013;
- (b) 2014;
- (c) 2015; and
- (d) 2016 to date?

Hon Peter Collier replied:

Commencing from 2015, principals have increased autonomy regarding how they spend their schools' one-line budgets and how many education assistants (EA) they employ. Calendar year FTE levels will fluctuate from pay period to pay period. In particular, EA FTE levels are higher during term and lower during vacation.

A point in time for paid FTE and headcount in schools for each year is provided for the second pay period in June. The FTE includes EAs paid on the pay dates, including casuals. The headcount figures do not include casual employees.

- (a) as at 20 June 2013 – 7,518 FTE and 9,571 headcount.
- (b) as at 19 June 2014 – 7,311 FTE and 9,178 headcount.
- (c) as at 18 June 2015 – 7,217 FTE and 9,017 headcount.
- (d) as at 16 June 2016 – 7,614 FTE and 9,152 headcount.