

EDUCATION — TEAM TEACH TRAINING PROGRAMS

907. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the delivery of Team TEACH training programs to Department of Education staff and I ask, will the Minister table the following information for the past two years:

- (a) the total number of individuals who undertook the training;
- (b) the total expenditure on Team TEACH per annum; and
- (c) the nature and curriculum of each program, including any aspects relating to positive handling training?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) For the calendar years 2020, 2021 and up to 29 August 2022, 8,108 Department of Education staff have completed a training program.
- (b) For the financial year 2020–21: \$647,375
For the financial year 2021–22: \$619,603
- (c) Team Teach training provides Department staff with the skills and knowledge to enable them to confidently support and protect students who may demonstrate challenging behaviours.

The emphasis within the Team Teach framework is that at least 95% of staff responses to challenging behaviours should be non-physical. Physical interventions should be a last resort and only used when it is in the best interest of the student.

The focus of the training includes:

- prediction
- prevention
- de-escalation
- the importance of non-verbal and verbal communication
- structured de-briefing and repair.

The training explicitly emphasises that the practices of schools are trauma-informed and, without exception, all approaches should maintain safety and dignity for all, be gradual and graded, and be reasonable, proportionate and necessary.