

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome/Agency **2**

DEEWR Question No. **EW428_10**

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Additional Teachers for the Northern Territory

In answer to a question on notice at Budget Estimates, you (DEEWR) said that as of 30 June 2009, 97 additional teachers had been placed in communities. Has that number changed since then?

Of the 97 (or updated figure), can the department provide details about how many are in their own accommodation, how many are in shared accommodation, and how many are in accommodation on loan from other departments or the community?

Of those in shared accommodation, can the department indicate which communities this relates to, and how many people are sharing the accommodation?

Of those in loaned accommodation, can the department indicate which communities this relates to, and in each case whether the accommodation is on loan from another department or the community, the nature of the accommodation and what the cost is for each?

Answer

Current teacher situation

As at 5 November the number of teachers recruited and deployed is 93:

- 12 in Catholic schools.
- 81 in NT Government schools (with 4 positions currently under recruitment) consisting of:
 - 42 teachers directly recruited in 2008 (4 under recruitment); and
 - 43 recruited in 2009.

Catholic Schools

12 teachers – as per table overleaf.

Government Schools

42 teachers directly recruited in 2008

The Northern Territory Department of Education and Training provided the following advice:

In 2008, 42 positions were directly recruited and allocated to schools. Currently 38 of these are occupied. Four positions are vacant and are currently being recruited.

For the 38 positions from the 2008 intake who were directly recruited and are individually identifiable, 27 are in individual accommodation (including one teacher in a house allocated to the Department of Health and Families as her partner is a Department of Health employee. No cross subsidisation of rent occurs), and 11 teachers are sharing accommodation (9 individuals and one teaching couple).

A summary of accommodation arrangements for the 12 Catholic positions and the 38 Government school positions directly recruited in 2008 is provided in the table below:

Question	Catholic: 12	Government: 38	Total
1. How many in <u>own (individual)</u> accommodation and where are they?	2 in Murrupurtiyanuwu Primary School, Bathurst Island 2 in St Francis Xavier, Daly River 2 in Ltyentye Apurte CEC, Santa Teresa 2 in St Joseph's, Katherine	27 One teacher in a house allocated to the Dept of Health and Families as her partner is a Dept of Health employee (no cross subsidisation of rent occurs).	
Total Individual accommodation	8	27	35
2. How many in <u>shared</u> accommodation, where are they and how many people are they sharing with?	2 sharing one house in Wadeye 2 sharing one house in Xavier CEC, Bathurst Island	11 total <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 8 AG-funded teachers sharing housing with one non AG-funded teacher in each of the following communities: Maningrida (2), Milikapiti, Nganmariyanga, Ramingining, Galiwink'u (Shepherdson College), Waruwi and Yirrkala o 1 AG-funded teacher sharing with 2 non AG-funded teachers in Umbakumba; o 2 (one teacher couple) in Lajamanu, 	
Total shared accommodation	4	11	15
3. How many in accommodation on loan?	0	0	0
TOTAL TEACHERS	12	38	50

43 teachers recruited in 2009

Subsequent additional teacher allocations (43 in 2009) have been deployed on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis, allocated, by agreement, to individual schools in agreed target communities and are not identifiable as named individuals. We cannot therefore categorically quantify the accommodation arrangements. DET however has provided the following analysis at a system level for remote teachers:

- o across remote NT schools as a whole, 84% of teachers live in individual units of accommodation, (67% are single, 17% are couples), 11% share accommodation and 5% are local recruits living in community houses.