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Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Inquiry Secretary  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment  
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Edson

**Inquiry into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians in Australian Schools**

I refer to your email of 14 February 2011 regarding a question on notice which resulted from the Department's appearance before the Inquiry on 11 February.

The Department's response to this question is attached.

If the Committee requires any further information from the Department, please contact Mr Garry Winter, Director, Teacher Performance Team, on (02) 6240 7708 or by email at [garry.winter@deewr.gov.au](mailto:garry.winter@deewr.gov.au).

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Arthur'.

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Question (p. EE 22):

**Mrs D'ATH**—Will the workforce data set also be collecting information on whether teachers and teacher librarians are contract or permanent staff? Could you take that on notice because I am specifically talking about contract, not casual, as a distinctive part of employment.

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**Departmental Response:**

The Department expects that data will be sought in relation to employment status, type of employment and time fraction employed. These categories are likely to include contract and permanent teaching positions for teachers, including specialist teacher librarians, for the national teacher workforce dataset being developed as part of the *Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership*. This work is progressed through the Australian Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs Senior Officials Committee (AEEYSOC) Teaching Workforce Dataset Working Group.

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