

Standing Committees on Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2022 - 2023

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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Senator Louise Pratt on 06 April 2022, Proof Hansard page 67

Teacher shortages in each year

Question

Dr Baxter: That 4,000 is a cumulative total over the four years to 2025...

Senator PRATT: Is the cumulative total for each year—

Dr Baxter: Yes, adding what there was in a particular year to the next year.

Senator PRATT: What's the overall shortage in each year over those four or five years?

Dr Baxter: I have seen a little table, Senator. I'm sorry, I don't have that here with me. But I can give it to you on notice.

Answer

The demand for secondary school teachers is projected to exceed the supply of new graduate teachers by 4,123 teachers over 2021 to 2025. The table shows the projected shortage for each year.

	Available teachers less required teachers	
	Primary	Secondary
2021	930	-865
2022	3,385	-2,654
2023	1,652	-1,079
2024	1,220	32
2025	1,233	444
Total	8,420	-4,123

Source: DESE estimates of projected teacher supply and demand.

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.