

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/004) - Teachers on Nauru - Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

Senator Macdonald, Ian (L&CA 17) asked:

CHAIR: Do you have any idea of how many teachers there are in Nauru? I am interested in that.
Ms Moy: I can find that out for you.

Mr Pezzullo: If it assists the committee, to answer both Senator Carr's earlier question and yours, we will come back through the course of the day with the size of the overall school population, which will answer your question, and also the number of teachers. That will give you a sense—

CHAIR: I just want to get a sense of the size of the contribution—

Mr Pezzullo: We will also establish the correct number, whether it is 50 per cent or lower, of those not attending school for whatever reason. I am not sure that we will be able to fully break down the reasons. It might be worth coming back with a breakdown, probably not after the morning tea break but perhaps in the early afternoon.

Answer:

The number of teachers employed by the Government of Nauru is a matter for its Department of Education.

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection contracts Brisbane Catholic Education to provide professional development and teacher support in Nauru schools. Brisbane Catholic Education currently employs 11 teachers to undertake this work in Nauru.