



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEES

## **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2022-2023 Supplementary Questions**

**Portfolio Committee No. 3 – Education**

**Education and Early Learning**

Hearing: Tuesday 25 October 2022

**Answers due by:** Monday 21 November 2022

**Budget Estimates secretariat**  
Phone (02) 9230 3783  
[BudgetEstimates@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:BudgetEstimates@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

## EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING

### Questions from the Hon Mark Latham MLC

1. Why doesn't NSW publish material like the UK Progress 8 report, measuring the value added results of high schools?
2. For SSP schools with no immuno-compromised students, why do vaccination mandates, masks and QR codes still apply?

## EDUCATION AND EARLY LEARNING

### Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC *(on behalf of the Opposition)*

#### Teachers

3. How many permanent FTE teacher vacancies are there in NSW Public schools as of 31 October 2022?
4. How many new teachers are due to begin in NSW public schools in:
  - (a) 2023
  - (b) 2024
  - (c) 2025
  - (d) 2026

#### School Counsellors

5. How many new school counsellors are expected to be recruited to NSW public schools in:
  - (a) 2023
  - (b) 2024
  - (c) 2025
  - (d) 2026

#### Initial Teacher Education

6. How many people commenced Initial Teacher Education qualifications in NSW in:
  - (a) 2018
  - (b) 2019
  - (c) 2020
  - (d) 2021
  - (e) 2022
7. How many people completed Initial Teacher Education qualifications in NSW in:
  - (a) 2018
  - (b) 2019

(c) 2020

(d) 2021

### **Childcare**

8. What progress has the Government made in rolling-out its universal childcare policy?
9. Why are existing childcare providers being offered only a 2-year extension on their leases?
10. Are any existing providers being told their rents will now be increased?
11. If rents are increased, is the Government concerned that providers will pass on these increases to parents through higher fees?
12. Doesn't an increase in rents go against the Government's promise of 'affordable and accessible' childcare for families?
13. How many non-government run pre-schools are co-located within public schools?
14. Given the uncertainty around the Government's universal childcare policy, is it true some co-located providers have already shut their doors?
15. What is the Government doing to support existing providers and ensure continuation of their services to local families?
16. Why aren't existing, co-located providers being offered longer leases – wouldn't this ensure the universal childcare program is effectively rolled-out for the benefit of working families?
17. What is the Government doing to address staffing shortages across the sector?

### **Cooler Classrooms**

18. Will all Round 2 schools have an answer on their application by the end of 2022, given they have been waiting since 12 April 2019, almost 3 and a half years?
  - (a) If not, why not?
19. Why won't School Infrastructure just give a yes or no answer to all Round 2 schools before the end of the year, so they can seek P&C funding or other funding to install air-conditioning if they are not successful under Cooler Classrooms?

### **Recruitment Beyond NSW**

20. How many acceptances into the program as at October 2022?
21. How many have begun in schools as at October 2022?

22. What regions are the schools located in?
23. How many people have dropped out following initially accepting a position?
24. Is the Department on track to recruit the 460 teachers promised by June 2023, outlined in the teacher supply strategy?
25. Is it correct to say this program is not on track, given the low numbers of teachers it has recruited into schools?

### **Selective schools**

19. What percentage of students accepted into NSW selective schools were from a disadvantaged background in the following years:
  - (a) 2015
  - (b) 2016
  - (c) 2017
  - (d) 2018
  - (e) 2019
  - (f) 2020
  - (g) 2021
  - (h) 2022

### **Camden Valley Way Growth Corridor**

26. When will the Camden Valley Way Growth Corridor panel first meet?
27. When will students in the Camden Valley Way Growth Corridor be advised which school they have been enrolled in?
28. Do you have a deadline for when families will be advised?
29. Do you have a target turnaround time once an enrolment form is lodged?
30. On what date was the information that was tabled at the committee provided to parents?