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Question: Recruitment of Teachers

Date: 30/04/91
Member: Mr BELL
To: MINISTER for EDUCATION

In a press release on 21 January 1991 the Minister announced that 'only 58 teachers have been recruited' for the current school year. He then claimed that 'another good sign was the jump in the percentage of local recruits entering induction'; and supported this statement with the following figures -

Year Total no. Total no. of Local recruits as a of recruits local recruits
percentage of total

1989 144 45 31%
1991 58 22 38%

Why, according to the Minister's figures are there fewer local recruits for 1991 compared to 1989.

ANSWER

Fewer teaching vacancies were required to be filled in 1991 than in 1989, resulting in fewer locally recruited teachers being offered positions. It should be noted that many potential local recruits are not willing to take up vacancies in remote areas.