

Question No: 57

Question: Year 7 Students in Alice Springs High Schools

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Member: Mr BELL

To: MINISTER for EDUCATION

1. What number of Year 7 students will be absorbed into high schools in Alice Springs in 1992.
2. Will they be absorbed into the teaching programs currently existing in those schools, for example Anzac Hill High School, which utilised the curriculum model with its vertical timetabling.
3. Will they be taught by high school teachers or primary school teachers.
4. Why has the Department of Education insisted on the maintenance of the 1:22 staffing level.
5. What effect will this staffing formulae have on class sizes in the rest of the school if teaching resources are to be diverted to serve more students with fewer teachers.

ANSWER

1. 240.
2. Yes.
3. Primary teachers have transferred to high schools and teach Year 7 classes for approximately 80% of class time. High school staff provide lessons in specialist areas for the remaining time .
4. Existing resources are adequate for this ratio.
5. Virtually nil.