

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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QUESTION:

The amount of teachers that relocate to regional and remote and do not fulfil their contracts. How much did it cost the department?

ANSWER:

A remote location is determined by the Commissioner for Public Employment and is defined as a town, place, community or locality, outside the environs of Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs, where access to health, education, social, financial, emergency, communication and professional support services are limited. Remote localities are identified in Determination Number 8 of 2015 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*.

Based on available data there were 46 remote based teachers that resigned prior to the end of their employment contract during 2020.

The relocation costs associated with these resignations cannot be easily disaggregated to determine the overall expense incurred by the department and would require a case-by-case analysis for these 46 teachers.