



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Education and Training, Hon Jo-Anne Hersey MLA:

School Staffing and Teacher Housing

1. How many senior teacher positions are currently allocated within corporate or departmental business units, and what is their function in supporting teacher development and workforce growth?
2. How does the Department retain the expertise of senior teachers who do not move into principal roles or remain in classroom-based positions?
 - a. What structured career pathways exist for senior teachers into corporate or policy roles?
 - b. How does the Department respond to concerns that professional teaching expertise is only valued when delivered directly in front of students?
3. What is the current teacher vacancy rate across NT schools?
 - a. How many teaching positions remained unfilled at the start of Terms 1 and 2 of 2026?
 - b. How many classes are being taught by relief, temporary or non-teaching staff because permanent teachers could not be recruited?
 - c. What is the average time a teaching vacancy remains unfilled in remote schools?
 - d. Where a figure for an individual school or region is too small to report, please provide the Territory-wide total.
 - e. If vacancies are not recorded against established positions, in which system is the school staffing establishment held, and in what format?

4. How many teacher houses are currently vacant, uninhabitable or awaiting maintenance?
 - a. How many teacher housing maintenance requests are outstanding?
 - b. What is the average time taken to complete repairs?
 - c. How much funding has been allocated to teacher housing upgrades?
 - d. If the condition and availability of teacher housing is not centrally recorded, in which system is it held, and in what format?