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INQUIRY INTO TEACHER SHORTAGES AND EDUCATION OUTCOMES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The NSW Upper House's Education Committee has commenced a parliamentary inquiry into teacher shortages and education outcomes in the state. This follows the committee's recent report, [*Great teachers, great schools: Lifting the status of teaching, teacher quality and teacher numbers in New South Wales*](#).

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Mark Latham MLC, said the inquiry is an opportunity for the committee to consider the outcomes of its previous inquiry and to receive an update on any current or projected teacher shortages as students commence the new school year.

"The committee will also examine NSW Government initiatives that seek to encourage new teachers, expand opportunities for existing teachers or actively recruit candidates into teaching positions, such as the NSW Teacher Supply Strategy and incentive programs to address regional shortages," Mr Latham said. Additionally, the inquiry will consider current and projected enrolments, commencements and completions in Initial Teacher Education.

"The committee will also investigate the impact of teacher shortages on high school students' health and wellbeing and educational outcomes, including impacts of the use of out-of-field teaching, merged classes, minimal supervision and the employment of temporary and casual teachers."

"Finally, the committee will examine NSW Government initiatives to reduce the administrative workload associated with teaching."

The committee will hold two hearings on 1 and 2 February 2023 and report by 25 February 2023.

For information about the inquiry, [please visit the inquiry's webpage](#).

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For further information please contact the Committee Chair, the Hon Mark Latham MLC, on 9230 3682.