



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

INQUIRY INTO THE TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS

Answer to Question on Notice taken during public hearing on Wednesday 16 March 2005.

Question:

Ms CURRIE: I would like to say something about the average age of teachers. I am not sure if some groups of teachers are older than other groups of teachers. The average age of teachers is at such a point that the Federal Government inquiry into teacher training, which was particularly looking at science and technology training, was specifically concerned about that and came to a conclusion that there would be an enormous percentage—I am trying to find it in here but I cannot—something like 20 per cent of all teachers are going to retire in the next five or so years.

CHAIR: The department's submission has given us the figures but not the percentages.

Ms CURRIE: I can give you the percentages from that, but not right now. I can provide that for you. The issue, of course, is what is going to happen in the next eight years or so. The figures already show that the retirement rate for teachers in New South Wales is hotting up. In other words, the number of teachers who are retiring each year is increasing as we go on. There is an expectation that will continue.

Answer provided by the New South Wales Teachers Federation:

The answer to the question taken on notice is contained within page 3 of the Federations written submission.