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# QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE

## Question to be asked by Hon. Ruth Forrest MLC

With regard to TasTAFE and the DECYP RTO for the 2025-26 financial year, or the most recent period for which figures are available:

1. How many staff does each organisation employ, expressed as both headcount and full-time equivalent (FTE), and how many of those are:
   (a) teaching, training or assessing staff; and
   (b) non-teaching or administrative staff?
2. How many executive positions does each organisation have, and what are the titles and classification or remuneration band of each of those positions?
3. How many VET students are enrolled in Tasmania in total, and how many of those are enrolled with:
   (a) TasTAFE;
   (b) the DECYP RTO; and
   (c) all other registered training organisations?
4. What is the total government funding provided to each organisation for the delivery of VET in 2025-26?

**ANSWER**

**1.**

**(a) DECYP**

As of October 2026, 177 (headcount) teachers are employed by DECYP that are qualified to teach VET courses delivered through the DECYP RTO. FTE is unable to be calculated accurately. The majority of DECYP teachers qualified to teach VET also teach Australian Curriculum, TASC-accredited courses. Schools are individually responsible for making decisions on FTE allocation for VET delivery based on local and operational requirements.

All VET teachers undertake other school responsibilities as part of their duties, including student support, pastoral care and connecting with parents and families.

**TasTAFE**

TasTAFE employment statistics as of October 2026

- Head Count = 498 FTE = 440.07

**(b) DECYP**

As of October 2026, 19.65 FTE (48 headcount) are employed by DECYP to deliver non-teaching or administrative functions of the DECYP RTO. This includes:

- Corporate staff (FTE: 10.4; Headcount: 11).
- School-based VET leadership (FTE 9.25; Headcount: 37).

**TasTAFE**

TasTAFE employment statistics as of October 2026

- Head Count = 441 FTE = 380.11

**2. DECYP**

The DECYP RTO has one executive position:

- Chief Executive Officer, DECYP RTO – TSSA General Stream Band 8

**TasTAFE**

- TasTAFE commenced FY26 with 8 executive positions and at cessation of financial year now has 6 executive positions including the Chief Executive.

| **Executive Position Title** | **SES Band** |
|---|---|
| Chief Executive Officer | SES Level 4 |
| Chief Financial Officer | SES Level 3 |
| Executive Director, Education Operations | SES Level 2 |
| Executive Director, Quality and Academic Services | SES Level 2 |
| Executive Director, People Safety and Culture | SES Level 2 |
| Executive Director, Governance and Corporate Affairs | SES Level 2 |

**3.**

**(a)** TasTAFE VET Students (year to date): 19,023

**(b)** In Tasmanian Government schools, 2,239 individual learners are enrolled across 39 courses delivered by the DECYP RTO.

**(c)** 26,550 enrolments were at other VET training providers. Includes private training providers, universities, schools, community education providers, enterprise providers.

**4. DECYP**

Direct school funding for VET in Schools delivery and operational funding for DECYP RTO administration costs are provided through separate budgets as outlined below.

| Funding component | Amount | Explanation |
|---|---|---|
| VET in Schools delivery | $1,091,074 | Total approved School Resource Package allocation for the 2026 school year. As the school year spans two financial years, the allocation is funded across 2025-26 (January to June 2026) and 2026-27 (July to December 2026). |
| DECYP RTO operational costs | $1,785,827 | Operational costs for 2025-26, funded through DECYP budget system. This includes:<br>• Corporate staff salaries<br>• Classroom materials<br>• RTO annual registration charges<br>• Software licensing fees<br>• Centralised RTO resources |
| *Building our VET Workforce* election commitment | $187,000 | Additional funding provided to the DECYP RTO in 2025-26 to progress this election commitment to fund the training of new VET teachers. |

**TasTAFE**
The 2025-26 Deed of Purchasing Arrangement with TasTAFE provided $105.843 million in funding to deliver subsidised training, foundation and vocational preparation programs and learner support services.

Total funding provided to other Registered Training Organisations for the delivery of VET in 2025-26 was $19.3 million, approved under contestable grant programs.

Yours faithfully

Hon Felix Ellis MP
**Minister for Skills and Jos**

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Hon Jo Palmer MLC
**Minister for Education**