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Hon Donna Faragher MLC asked:

A12 How many qualified teacher librarians are in public primary and secondary schools?

- a) provide a breakdown of teacher librarians by qualification.
- b) Does every school have a teacher librarian or library assistant and if not, why not?

Answer (a)-(b) Schools are best placed to make their own staffing decisions, and may allocate librarian duties to members of staff without formal library management qualifications. Teachers or school staff may be taking librarian duties as part of their role.

Schools are becoming increasingly digitised and most use some form of electronic Library Management System (LMS) to support this function.

At 28 November 2019, there are 56 teachers employed under the position of Teacher – Library Services identified in the Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS). Of these teachers, 10 have listed specific library qualifications in HRMIS. The remaining 46 teachers are confirmed as holding a recognised teaching qualification; however, it is not identified whether they have a specific library major within their teaching degree.

It is important to note that detailed qualification information, in addition to those required for basic teaching validation when teachers are employed, is entered on a voluntary basis through employee self-service. There may be more qualified teacher librarians employed who do not have their specialist qualifications listed.

The 10 teachers who have listed their specific teaching qualification in HRMIS are qualified as follows:

Qualification		No. of staff
Graduate Diploma	Applied Science Teacher Librarian	4
Graduate Diploma	Library and Information Studies	1
Graduate Diploma	Library Studies	1
Graduate Diploma	Teacher Librarian	1
Bachelor	Library Studies	1
Bachelor	Applied Science Library Studies	1
Diploma	Library Studies	1
TOTAL		10

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