65306 Teacher Numbers, Teacher Funding and the Teacher Jobs Guarantee since May 2026

Please provide the following recorded information for the period 7 May 2026 to the date of this request.

Specific documents.

Please provide copies of:

a) any letter or email from the Scottish Government setting out the council's share of 2026-27 funding for teacher numbers, and any conditions attached, and the council's reply;

No such correspondence has been identified.

b) any submission from the council to the Scottish Government or COSLA explaining a change in teacher numbers, or asking for exceptional circumstances or mitigations to be accepted, for the September 2025 or September 2026 teacher census, and any reply received;

No such submission has been identified.

c) the sign-off or covering note for the council's September 2026 teacher census return, if it has been completed;

This has not been completed. The deadline for sign-off is 12 November and we are still in the process of quality assuring data.

d) any correspondence with the Scottish Government or COSLA about the Teacher Jobs Guarantee for newly qualified teachers;

No such correspondence is held.

e) any correspondence with the Scottish Government or COSLA about the 2026-27 probationer allocation, or about employing teachers after their probation year.

Please refer to the attached e-mail correspondence and attachments.

Third-party personal information has been redacted from the documents provided in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

Correspondence with national bodies

Copies of correspondence between the Chief Executive, the Director of Education (or equivalent), the Chief Finance Officer or the Head of HR, and any of:

- the Scottish Government Learning Directorate, including the Education Workforce Unit

- the office of the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic

- the office of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

- COSLA

- the Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (ADES)

- the Joint Education Assurance Board

where it concerns teacher numbers, the pupil–teacher ratio, teacher funding, class contact time, probationers or the Teacher Jobs Guarantee.

No such correspondence has been identified.

Reports

A list (title, date and meeting) of reports or briefings presented to Full Council, the Education Committee (or equivalent), the Finance or Policy and Resources Committee, or the Corporate Management Team, that discuss teacher numbers, the balance of permanent, temporary and supply teachers, or teacher funding. For published reports, a link is enough. For unpublished reports, please provide copies.

No such reports or briefings have been identified.

Senior officer emails

Emails between the four posts named in part 2 only (not an organisation-wide search), where the subject line or body includes any of: 'teacher numbers', 'Teacher Jobs Guarantee', 'probationer', 'permanent post', 'temporary contract', 'supply teacher', 'mitigation' or 'exceptional circumstances'.

No such e-mails have been identified.