

It was stated in the report that 1 090 of the 1 351 student teachers were in receipt of departmental bursaries, which varied from R300 to R400 a year according to the nature of the course being taken.

ADULT EDUCATION

The report mentioned¹⁵ that on 1 January 1972 the Department of Indian Affairs took over from the M. L. Sultan Technical College the control of adult education classes that were being provided at five centres. According to the Minister,¹⁶ 1 094 persons were enrolled at the end of 1972, all for academic secondary part-time classes.

SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR WHITE PUPILS

FINANCE

According to the table given on page 292, the expenditure on all forms of education for Whites in 1971-2 was:

	<i>Revenue Account</i>	<i>Loan Account</i>
The provinces	R284 600 000	R60 200 000
Department of National Education (expenditure mainly on Whites)	R85 800 000	R7 500 000
	R370 400 000	R67 700 000

Certain expenditure by other government departments is excluded. Estimated *per capita* costs in 1971-2 were:

Primary classes ...	R366
Secondary classes ...	R624
General average ...	R461

In the Assembly on 12 June,¹ the Minister of Statistics indicated that R8 392 000 was spent by the provinces during the year ended 31 March 1972 on the provision of free books and stationery for White school pupils.

PUPILS

The following is a summary of information given by the Minister of Statistics in the Assembly on 6 June,² relating to the enrolment figures at schools for Whites in 1972:

¹⁵ *Op cit.* page 67.

¹⁶ 1 March, Assembly Hansard 4 col. 265.

¹ Hansard 18 col. 996.

² Hansard 17 cols. 963-4. Percentages calculated by the writer.

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Primary schools	495 570	55,6
Secondary schools	234 816	26,4
Combined primary and secondary schools (separate figures not available) ...	114 917	12,9
Technical schools	39 544	4,4
Special schools ³	5 748	0,7
	890 595	100,0

According to a recent report⁴ issued by the Department of Statistics entitled *Education: Principal Statistics: 1972*, 821 944 of the pupils were attending provincial schools, 18 166 provincial-aided schools, and 44 737 private schools. (The remaining 5 748 pupils were attending special schools.)

No recent figures relating to examination results have been published.

TEACHERS AND STUDENT TEACHERS

The report by the Department of Statistics gives the following information about the number of White teachers in 1972:

	<i>Approved posts</i>	<i>Vacant posts</i>
Provincial schools	39 069	132
Provincial-aided schools	1 029	—
Private schools	2 332	—
	42 430	132

In the Assembly on 22 May⁵ the Minister of National Education said that, according to a report by the Human Sciences Research Council relating to 1971, only 50,5 per cent of teachers in secondary schools had received training for two years or more in the subject that they were teaching.

The report of a committee appointed to inquire into the teaching personnel needs in the Transvaal was made public for the first time in August, although it had been submitted about eighteen months earlier and related to the position in 1970.⁶ It found that in that year, 53,7 per cent of the teachers in Transvaal secondary schools and 12,4 per cent of those in primary schools were university graduates.

High percentages of teachers had no post-Matriculation training in the subjects they taught, it was found. Some examples were:

³ Including schools for the physically handicapped, schools of industries, and reformatories.

⁴ Report 21-07-06. Provisional figures for public schools as at the first Tuesday in March, and for private schools as at the first Tuesday in June.

⁵ Hansard 15 col. 7211.

⁶ *Star* report, 17 August.

General science	19,2%
General mathematics ...	38,3%
Geography	22,4%
History	21,9%
Commerce	19,0%
English higher	16,7%
Afrikaans lower	15,9%

The committee drew attention to the increasing "feminisation" of the teaching profession, which led to disciplinary problems in schools for boys.