

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000047**

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 48

***AITSL: Practicum placements***

**Question**

Mr Cook: A lot of this detail would be information we would have to get from the states. For example, I understand that New South Wales has just entered into agreements with all of their universities in relation to practicums. I do not know the full details of that, but I assume it would have these sorts of details relevant to the New South Wales—

CHAIR: Maybe you could write to the education ministers.

Senator O'NEILL: If you could assist with that on notice, that would be very helpful.

Senator Birmingham: We can take the questions on notice. Obviously if AITSL has the information or it is easily accessible then it will be provided. If it is an exhaustive collection of information that is not otherwise collected, that might be a matter that is best pursued at the state level.

Senator O'NEILL: Okay. If you can let me know, because I think we would probably need to get this information gathered somewhere.

**Answer**

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership has provided the following response:

*The Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia Standards and Procedures (2015)* outlines the requirements that an initial teacher education program must meet to be nationally accredited. The standards require that all programs establish formal partnerships, via written protocols, with schools/education systems in relation to the delivery of professional experience.

Detailed information of the nature and content of partnership agreements would be best sourced directly from States and Territories as this information is not publically available.