

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000115**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***AITSL: Practicums***

**Question**

Is it possible for a teacher to get to their final year before starting their practicum? How much must be done in each year of study?

**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)* set a minimum period for the practicum component of each initial teacher education program (80 days for undergraduate and double degree programs and 60 days for graduate entry programs). There are no specific requirements for the number of days to be done in each year. However, the standards relating to professional experience also require that the program allows for opportunities for students to participate purposefully in a school/site as early as practicable.