

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Agency: AITSL

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000048

Senator Collins, Jacinta asked on 01 March 2017, Proof Hansard page 29

AITSL - Progress of the national initial teacher education and teacher workforce data strategy

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Sure. As I indicated at the start of my earlier question, it is a recent article in The Conversation. I do not have it here currently. Can you tell me the progress of the national initial teacher education and teacher workforce data strategy that the last communique reported?

Ms Rodgers: That has now been endorsed at Education Council and we are currently working to initiate the National Data Strategy project as at 1 July.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: How is it then funded?

Ms Rodgers: In part by the Commonwealth government and in part by states and territories.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you give me that breakup?

Ms Rodgers: Yes, on notice we can.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: And the amounts too, please. I will ask these questions, which will probably be taken on notice, and it will save me putting any written questions on notice. The 2015-16 annual report states that the performance of AITSL's board is reviewed at least every two years. Could we please have a copy of the last review that the board conducted?

Ms Rodgers: Yes, on notice.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: And please provide an update on how AITSL is acting on the findings of the last review and a copy of the 2015-16 work plan reporting against the work plan and the 2016-17 work plan.

Ms Rodgers: Yes.

Answer

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

National initial teacher education and teacher workforce data strategy

Agreed funding (excluding GST) by state and Territory

| | 2017–18 | 2018–19 | 2019–20 | 2020–21 | 4 Year Totals |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| AG | 571,000 | 703,000 | 590,325 | 599,900 | \$2,464,225 |
| NSW | 184,547 | 227,210 | 190,793 | 193,888 | \$796,438 |
| Vic. | 141,608 | 174,344 | 146,401 | 148,775 | \$611,128 |
| Qld | 114,428 | 140,881 | 118,301 | 120,220 | \$493,831 |
| SA | 41,911 | 51,600 | 43,330 | 44,033 | \$180,874 |
| WA | 60,183 | 74,096 | 62,220 | 63,229 | \$259,729 |
| Tas. | 13,019 | 16,028 | 13,459 | 13,678 | \$56,184 |
| NT | 5,938 | 7,311 | 6,139 | 6,239 | \$25,628 |
| ACT | 9,364 | 11,529 | 9,681 | 9,838 | \$40,413 |
| Total | \$1,142,000 | \$1,406,000 | \$1,180,650 | \$1,199,800 | \$4,928,450 |

Board Review

The last review of the Board was conducted in February 2014. A summary of the review outcomes is at **Attachment 1**.

The review was conducted under a different Board structure. In 2015, the AITSL Board was reconstituted and is due for review this year. It will be the first review of the new Board.

The new Board structure addressed some of the recommendations from the 2014 review. Alongside this, AITSL has:

- Reviewed sub-committees;
- Engaged with Ministers, and Directors-General across the states and territories and will continue to build on these relationships;
- Held regular discussions with the Department of Education and Training and the Minister for Education and Training;
- Increased the profile of its work to better advocate for the profession and enable teachers to access tools and resources;
- Put in place a comprehensive induction process for Directors, involving a session on their responsibilities as Directors and offered training as needed.

Work Plan

Please find attached:

1. 2015–16 work plan (**Attachment 2**)
2. Reporting against 2015–16 work plan:
 - a. November 2015 (**Attachment 3**)
 - b. February 2016 (**Attachment 4**)
 - c. May 2016 (**Attachment 5**)
 - d. Final status as at 30 June 2016 (**Attachment 6**)
3. 2016–17 work plan (**Attachment 7**).