

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000623**

Senator Collins, Jacinta asked on 01 June 2017, Proof Hansard page 5

***AITSL: Principal assessment***

**Question**

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: How many principals have been assessed against the new standards by each state or territory?

Ms Rodgers: I am not actually sure that we can answer that, because we have not surveyed all principals on a census basis in terms of the use of those standards in terms of principalship.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you estimate it?

Ms Rodgers: Given that 98 per cent of principals are aware of the standards and about half—about 4,400 principals—have used the School Leader Self-Assessment Tool, I would estimate we are probably close to 80 or 90 per cent, but, again, it is an estimation.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: That is fine. Could I ask you to take that on notice and give it a bit more thought about how you might be able to properly estimate that?

Ms Rodgers: Yes.

**Answer**

*The Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has provided the following response.*

AITSL estimates that 81 per cent of principals have been assessed against the *Australian Professional Standard for Principals* (the Principal Standard) across Australia.