

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Agency - Australia Institute for Teaching & School Leadership

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Question

AITSL - Certification of highly accomplished and lead teachers

Senator O'NEILL: Regarding the certification of highly accomplished and lead teachers, this has been received in very interesting ways amongst former colleagues of mine. Can you outline how many teachers have been certified this year? Ms Evans: I can. I will ask Mr Misson, who is responsible for that area, to give you the latest figures. Senator O'NEILL: And perhaps for the figures for: the previous years since the program started, state-by-state, by electorate and within the school systems. Some of those you might need to take on notice. Mr Misson: I might take all of that on notice, except to say that the activity last year was confined to a pilot that we ran in the ACT. So there were a number there. From memory, it was in the order of 20 or 30 certified teachers. For the wider national rollout this year, states and territories are due to report to us by mid-December. While some of those figures have trickled in, I think it would be better to take that on notice and provide you with the breakdowns. We can do that once we have the reports in from all states and territories.

Answer

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

Whilst the data is not yet available for all jurisdictions across Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania have provided data pertaining to the number of teachers certified in 2013 at the Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher levels.

Western Australia
6 Lead teachers
6 Highly Accomplished

Tasmania
0 Lead teachers
0 Highly Accomplished

ACT (2012 Pilot certification)
4 Lead teachers
12 Highly Accomplished