

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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AITSL - Action now report

Question

Senator O'NEILL: What time frame was that taken over, Mr Misson?

Mr Misson: I would have to take exact dates on notice, but it was between the release of the Action now report in February and the consideration of those selection guidelines by ministers in September.

Senator O'NEILL: You said 'ministers'. When was it provided to the federal minister for education?

Mr Misson: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Sometime between February and September, I assume?

Mr Misson: Yes.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you give me a rough indication of the month?

Mr Misson: If I work back from the time of the ministerial council meeting, papers would have been due a few weeks before that, in August, and I would imagine the final version would have gone to the minister sometime prior to that, so I guess it would have been in the region of July or August, but I would have to take the exact dates on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: That is fine. I would appreciate the detail on notice, but that is a good indication. What was AITSL's brief or the drafting instructions for the development of the guidelines?

Answer

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

Development of the Selection Guidelines and consultation with key stakeholders (including an expert reference group) occurred between March and August 2015.

Consistent with accepted practice, the Minister for Education and Training approved the draft Selection of entrants into initial teacher education Guidelines in August 2015 for consideration by senior officials on 4 September and Education Council on 18 September.