

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000856**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

***AITSL - hiring teachers***

**Question**

There was a story [refer to attachments] in The Australian on 11 October 2015 titled Teacher glut hits university graduates' job hopes, which reported that the NSW Department of Education hired just 6 per cent of graduates on full-time contracts this year.

The story also said that only 40 per cent of Australia's teaching graduates have found full-time teaching jobs.

Are these statistics consistent with AITSL's records? Please indicate:

- a. Total number of graduates and available positions – including forward projections
- b. Graduates in each field e.g. science, languages and demand/vacancies – including forward projections
- c. Whether supply will continue to outstrip demand in the future

**Answer**

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

The AITSL Initial Teacher Education Data Report (2014) provides information from Graduate Careers Australia on the employment rates of graduate teachers and is available at <http://www.aitsl.edu.au/initial-teacher-education/data-report-2014>. AITSL does not collect its own employment data and holds no further information on employment rates or supply and demand projections.