

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000860**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

***AITSL - accredited teacher training institutions***

**Question**

What level of practical experience is offered by each accredited teacher training institution?  
For each course, please provide:

- a. The minimum number of weeks in the classroom before graduation
- b. Whether the university has an established network of partner schools
- c. How many students do not have the opportunity to access the practical component of the course and if any students fail to graduate as a result

**Answer**

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

*The Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia: Standards and Procedures* (April 2011) set out the minimum requirements for professional experience in a teacher education program. Program Standard 5.2 states:

The professional experience component of each program must include no fewer than 80 days of well-structured, supervised and assessed teaching practice in school in undergraduate and double-degree teacher education programs and no fewer than 60 days in graduate entry programs.

The majority of initial teacher education programs are now accredited under these national standards and would therefore meet these requirements, as would many accredited under previous State and Territory-based approaches.

AITSL does not collect or report on any of the specific details of professional experience by individual teacher education program and/or student, or whether the university has an established network of partner schools.