

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000942**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***Adult Migrant English program - social English stream teachers***

**Question**

The new contract requires that social English stream teachers be enrolled in TESOL teacher training courses. What provision will be made to ensure that these trainee teachers are actually attending and making progress in such a course? What provision has been made to ensure that these TESOL training courses meet quality standards?

**Answer**

- The department will engage an Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) Quality Assurance provider who will verify the qualifications of teachers delivering AMEP tuition. Service providers will be asked to provide documentary evidence of the qualifications of all teaching staff on commencement of their contract and on commencement of each new teacher within the contract period.
- A post graduate Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) qualification must be delivered by a university. Universities are regulated Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).