

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000943

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

Adult Migrant English Program - social English stream

Question

The new requirements say that the social English stream will focus on “conversation”. How does the Department envisage a class of 25 students who can’t speak English conversing with one English speaker?

Answer

- The Social English stream will focus on oral communications skills. Oral Communication is one of the four core skills that will be assessed using the Australian Core Skills Framework. Qualified teachers using established language pedagogy will design learning activities contextualised for Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) clients. Students will undertake individual tasks, small group work and class work and be assessed using validated assessment tasks.
- ‘Conversation’ is one of many components of the program.