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Senator Wortley asked on 20 February 2008, EEWPR Proof Hansard page 32.

Question

School Languages

Senator WORTLEY—Can you confirm that the previous government commissioned the following two projects: Investigation of the State and Nature of Languages Education in Australian Schools, July 2006 to 2007, and Review of Teacher Education for Languages Teachers, July 2006 to 2007?

Ms Sykes—As I understand it, yes, those reports were undertaken.

Senator WORTLEY—I note that they were previously available on the DEST languages education website, but I have not been able to locate them. Do you know—

Ms Sykes—My understanding is that they are yet to be released, at this point, and that they will be released but have not yet been released. We do expect to release them shortly.

Senator WORTLEY—So you are saying that they are not on the website?

Ms Sykes—That is my understanding, but I could clarify that for you.

Answer

The former Howard Government commissioned the two reports “*Investigation into the State and Nature of Languages in Australian Schools*” and “*Review of Teacher Education for Languages Teachers*”. Both reports were posted on the Department’s website on 25 March 2008 at www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school_education/programmes_funding/programme_categories/key_priorities/languages_education_programme.htm