

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Mason asked on 24/02/2011, Hansard page 32.

Question

LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Senator MASON—Ms Davy, will it indicate how many teachers we have with expertise to teach all those particular languages I mentioned before?

Ms Davy—I would need to take that on notice to establish whether it goes down to the fine level of detail of specifying exact languages. I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer

Data published from *Staff in Australia's Schools 2007* did not identify the particular language taught by teachers of Languages other than English (LOTE). Key findings from SiAS 2007 include:

- there were an estimated 3,100 primary teachers teaching LOTE (or three per cent of primary teachers);
- an estimated 6,000 primary teachers (or five per cent of primary teachers) had completed at least one year of tertiary study in LOTE (with 3,600 completing three or more years and a similar number completed training in LOTE teacher methodology);
- there were an estimated 5,700 secondary teachers teaching LOTE (or 5 per cent of secondary teachers); and
- an estimated 9,600 secondary teachers (or eight per cent of secondary teachers) had completed at least one year of tertiary study in LOTE (with 7,200 completing three or more years and a similar number completed training in LOTE teacher methodology).