

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

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**Senator Mason provided in writing.**

**Question**

***Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships (ELTF) program***

"In relation to the Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships (ELTF) program:

1. What is the cost per person of this program?
2. How many of the successful applications for each of the language groups were native speakers of these languages?
3. How many of the successful applications for each of the language groups were not native speakers of these languages?
4. What percentage of time on these trips were spent on recreational activities?"

**Answer**

The Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships (ELTF) is a part of the Australian Government's broader Endeavour Awards. It provides opportunities for practising and trainee language teachers in Australian schools and universities to improve their language and cultural skills through intensive short-term in-country study programs. The study programs take place over a three-week period in January each year.

Question 1

In January 2012, study programs were held in ten countries: China, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Spain, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam.

A total of 187 practising and trainee language teachers participated in these study programs. This comprised 160 practising language teachers and 27 trainee language teachers.

The average cost per participant was \$5,428.

Question 2

In 2012, 33 participants identified themselves as native speakers.

Question 3

In 2012, 154 participants identified themselves as non-native speakers.

Question 4

Each 21 day study program comprised:

- 50 academic hours of intensive language instruction at a university or similar language institution;
- 15 hours of cultural activities;
- 3 days of field trip activities; and
- 2 school visits.

Any remaining time was spent by participants completing set tasks from their daily language instruction and with their home-stay families.

Participants often report that the ELTF is a very challenging language immersion program that leaves little time for personal recreational activities in addition to set program tasks.