

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

**PROGRAM 2.9: SMARTER SCHOOLS - IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY
NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP- INITIATIVES**

Please list all the initiatives that constitute this NP.

Answer

The Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership has national initiatives and state and territory initiatives.

The national initiatives being delivered through the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) are:

- National professional teacher standards framework;
- National process for certification of accomplished and lead teachers;
- National consistency in the registration of teachers;
- National consistency in pre-service course accreditation; and
- Professional development and support for school leaders.

Other national initiatives are:

- Teach for Australia; and
- Improved availability of teacher workforce data.

The states and territories are implementing a range of initiatives against the following reform areas of the National Partnership:

- Improved performance management and continuous improvement;
- Better pathways into teaching;
- Indigenous education workforce pathways;
- Quality placements for practicum;
- School centres of excellence;
- Improved reward structures and support for teachers and leaders who work in disadvantaged Indigenous, rural/remote and hard-to-staff schools;
- Increased school-based decision making;
- Continual improvement program for all teachers; and
- Indigenous teachers and school leaders' engagement with community members.

Information on state and territories initiatives can be found in their implementation plans and bilateral agreements at www.deewr.gov.au/smarterschools/.