

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools

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**Senator Mason asked on 2/06/2011, Hansard page 35.
Question**

200 Teachers For The Territory - Nine-Week Professional Learning Program

Senator MASON: I understand that each teacher commencing this program has to complete an intensive nine-week professional learning program. Is that right? Mr Goodwin: Yes. Senator MASON: Where is that conducted and who pays for that? Mr Goodwin: It is conducted by the Northern Territory department and it is paid for out of the funds for the program. Senator MASON: The Commonwealth pays that? Mr Goodwin: That is my understanding, yes. I would have to check that. I am happy to do that and get back to you on notice. Senator MASON: Could you also check how much it costs to deliver that program to each teacher? Mr Goodwin: Yes. Senator MASON: You might be able to get some cost-benefit analysis, I suppose.

Answer

The *Nine-Week Professional Learning Program* was conducted by the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training. The Northern Territory Department of Education and Training has provided the following response.

- Initially the model of operation provided teachers funded through the *Additional 200 Teachers Measure* an intensive stand-alone pre-service program.
- An evaluation of the Nine-Week Professional Learning Program approach, by the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training, led to the development of a more integrated teacher pre-service support package for all teachers new to the Northern Territory.
- New Teachers undertake a three day in depth orientation program introducing them to the services, systems, networks and contacts that support their teaching career.
- For teachers entering the system to teach in remote schools, which include teachers funded under the *200 Additional Teachers Measure*, additional inductions are delivered through the Remote Teaching Service.
- The Commonwealth pays the full allocation for each position funded, currently \$130,000 under the *200 Additional Teachers Measure*. This is inclusive of items such as salary, remote incentive allowances, inductions and professional development.