

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No. EW0399_13

Senator Mason asked on 31 May 2012 , Hansard page 38

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0866_11

Question

Shortages in the languages area

Ms Davy: At that time, we were just finalising the Staff in Australian Schools 2010 survey, which was going to identify whether there were any shortages in the languages area. What the Staff in Australian Schools survey found in 2010—because we were able in 2010, as opposed to 2007, to actually find out information about language teachers—that there was an estimated 2,800 primary teachers teaching languages and 15,000 primary teachers had completed at least one semester of tertiary study in a language. There were an estimated 6,700 secondary teachers teaching languages, which was a small increase from 2007. An estimated 12,800 secondary teachers had completed at least one semester of tertiary study in a language.

Senator MASON: How much was the increase?

Ms Davy: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

Please refer to EW0400_13.