

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Tertiary, Skills, International and Indigenous Strategy

DEEWR Question No. EW0678_12

Senator Rhiannon provided in writing.

Question

Reduced funding for small literacy class sizes:

Have you analysed or evaluated the impact of separating the provision of literacy and numeracy classes from vocational training, which occurred as a result of TAFE losing literacy teaching contracts?

Answer

No, the Department has not undertaken this type of analysis or evaluation as the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program (LLNP) service delivery model has not changed from the previous contract. Specifically the requirements on contracted Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) to contextualise training by delivering the LLN skills in association with vocational competencies remains consistent with the previous contract.