

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Hurley (L&C 43) asked:

With the home tutor scheme, what kind of training are the tutors expected to have?

Answer:

Under their contracts, Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) Service Providers are required to provide a minimum of 15 hours initial training to AMEP home tutors. While the AMEP contract does not specify the training course to be provided, most AMEP Service Providers are using accredited curricula to train tutors.

These programs include:

- short courses in Volunteer Language Training for Tutors, a component of the Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training;
- short courses within the accredited Certificate II in Volunteer Tutoring in ESL; and
- the NSW AMES Course in Volunteer Language Tutoring.

On-going support to tutors provided by the contracted Service Providers includes newsletters, professional development sessions, online information and access to resource libraries.