

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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(205) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley asked:

1. Does the government maintain website or referral process which provides news, information and access to online professional development for AMEP teachers?
2. If yes what is the cost of this service?

Answer:

The Department contracts the AMEP Research Centre to provide the services referred to in Questions 205, 206, 208 and 219. The AMEP Research Centre is a consortium of the National Centre for English Language Teaching and Research (NCELTR) at Macquarie University in Sydney, and the Institute for Education at La Trobe University in Melbourne.

The AMEP Research Centre's main functions are:

- Research into language and literacy education
- Professional development for teachers and program managers, including the design, conduct and evaluation of national conferences
- Library and information services
- Publication of research and teaching and learning materials
- Consultancy services
- Promotion of the AMEP within the TESOL community

The AMEP Research Centre maintains a website which contains information on the Resource Centre and the services available to AMEP teachers.

The contract with the AMEP Research Centre is a five year contract which is due to terminate in 2010. The value of the contract is \$10m.