

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

TFA GRADUATES

What research is being planned or undertaken to determine whether TFA graduates perform better or worse than other classroom teachers?

Answer

As *Teach for Australia* is a new initiative being piloted over the next three years, a comprehensive and robust evaluation will be undertaken. An independent evaluator has been selected to conduct the evaluation of the initiative.

The evaluation focuses on a number of questions including *'What features of the Teach for Australia approach have a positive impact on the quality of teaching?; and 'What impact have Teach for Australia Associates had on student performance in targeted schools?'*.

The evaluation will also include a comparison of data with beginning teachers from other programs.