

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 31 May 2012 , Hansard page 38

Question

Studying Asian languages

Senator MASON: Do we know how many more students studied those languages during the course of the program? Ms Davy: Not in terms of any national data.

Senator MASON: When will that data become available? Ms Davy: We will have to take that on notice.

Answer

Until 2008, the *National Report on Schooling in Australia (ANR)*, published a series of tables showing the distribution of enrolments in Year 12 language subjects. These tables cannot be used to give exact estimates of numbers of students studying particular languages but used together can provide an indication of trends in the take up of languages in Year 12.

The series was discontinued and not published in the 2009 ANR. DEEWR has sought the re-introduction of these data in the ANR 2010 and the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority are currently considering this matter.