

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

Australian Professional Standards for Teachers

I understand that universities are being encouraged to provide teacher training courses to ensure that cyber-safety material is incorporated in the core units in their curriculums. To support this process \$4 million has been allocated towards the development of online toolkits and professional learning modules. How is the implementation of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers being assessed? How were these kits developed? How much did it cost? How many of these kits have been embedded into university teaching courses?

Answer

An evaluation of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers commenced in March 2013. Further details are available on the Australian Institute for Teaching & School Leadership (AITSL) website at [www.teacherstandards.aitsl.edu.au/
Evaluation](http://www.teacherstandards.aitsl.edu.au/Evaluation).

The allocation of \$4 million towards the development of cyber-safety toolkits and professional learning modules is a matter for the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). Accordingly, questions concerning the development and implementation of these materials (including associated costs) should be directed to ACMA. For further information, please refer to BCDE Question No 143 from the 2012–13 Additional Estimates hearing (Environment and Legislation Committee).