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Question

Rewards for School Improvement – improvement tool and domains

Senator O'NEILL: What are the things that they are measuring with this tool?

Ms Gordon: The tool itself is available on the website, as Dr Day explained. It sets out nine different domains for self-evaluation against those domains.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you let me know what those nine domains are?

Mr Cook: I am sure Dr Day has probably got it. It will focus on things like school leadership. It is the type of school improvement areas that commonly around the world are being looked at. It looks at school leadership, it looks at the quality of teaching and it looks at what is happening in the classroom. Dr Day, have you got them?

Dr Day: I am sadly lacking on the domain front.

Mr Cook: We can take it on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: Thank you.

Answer

The National School Improvement Tool has nine domains that schools can focus on to adopt an evidence-based approach to school improvement. These domains are:

- an explicit improvement agenda
- analysis and discussion of data
- a culture that promotes learning
- targeted use of school resources
- an expert teaching team
- systemic curriculum delivery
- differentiated teaching and learning
- effective pedagogical practices
- school-community partnerships.

The National School Improvement Tool is available on the Department of Education website, <http://www.education.gov.au/>.