Response to written question on notice from Australian Council for Educational Research

The following is provided in answer to the question on notice from Senator McKenzie:

OUESTION:

Please comment on any international experiences you are aware of where teaching and learning challenges in remote/regional areas have been adequately addressed. I am also interested in any international initiatives to ensure that remote/regional students receive a broad education and access to a range of extra-curricular activities.

ANSWER:

'We are not aware of any international experiences where teaching and learning challenges in remote/regional areas have been adequately addressed. We are also not aware of any international initiatives that ensure that remote/regional students receive a broad education and access to a range of extra-curricular activities. Australia has unique issues in terms of population and remote education.'