

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Interaction between STEM and the arts

Question

Mr Cook: In terms of arts and the interaction between STEM and the arts, I think it was acknowledged but the first priority was recognised as being particularly around the STEM subjects.

Senator McKENZIE: If you are able to provide any further information on that on notice, that would be appreciated. Obviously, ATSIL is focusing on school leadership as well as teaching. Does that strategy cover school leadership in the STEM area as well as elements around teaching?

Mr Cook: It particularly talks about increasing teacher capacity. It talks about school systems or schools working with each other. That would involve leadership. I am fairly sure it did talk about something in relation to school leaders and principals as well. I am just looking at it now.

Answer

The National Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) School Education Strategy 2016–2026, agreed by all ministers in December 2015, is available on the Education Council website: www.ec.edu.au.

The strategy includes high level principles to help school leaders improve the focus on STEM and to bring about change in STEM within the school environment.

Refer also to SQ16-000034.