

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000108**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***AITSL: Practicums***

**Question**

How many institutions have formal partnerships with schools for organising practicums?

**Answer**

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has provided the following response:

AITSL does not have information on the number of formal partnership arrangements between universities and schools.

However, the *Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia Standards and Procedures (2015)* requires the establishment of formal partnerships with schools for the delivery of professional experience (practicums). All initial teacher education programs must meet these standards to be accredited under the national system.