

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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AITSL - Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Is there an aspiration for the time by which this will be fully implemented?

Ms Rodgers: There is an aspiration that we have to ensure that every school has a highly accomplished and lead teacher in it. I am not quite sure if we have set a time frame for that, but it is quite aspirational.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Where are you up to now?

Ms Rodgers: I think we have 353 highly accomplished and lead teachers. I will take on notice the actual number, but it is around that number.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: So there is a long way to go?

Ms Rodgers: There is a long way to go, yes.

Answer

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

There are 353 nationally certified Highly Accomplished and Lead teachers in Australia (as at December 2016). AITSL has not set specific targets or timeframes on the numbers of certified teachers.

To support the uptake of national teacher certification, over the past two years AITSL has developed the Assessor Training Program Refresher, launched the Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher (HALT) Network and hosted two HALT Summits. In March 2017, AITSL released *Taking the lead*, a strategic paper articulating a vision for national teacher certification in Australia. AITSL has also supported the Qld Department to pilot national certification in 2017.