

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000397**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***AITSL - Monitoring of ITE programs***

**Question**

How is AITSL monitoring the requirement that all ITE programs undertake valid and reliable assessment of their students before allowing them to graduate?

a. How many states, institutions and teacher courses are currently following AITSL's guidelines in assessing students before graduation?

**Answer**

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

AITSL has incorporated requirements for consistent and robust assessment of pre-service teachers during their programs into the revised *Accreditation of initial teacher education: Standards and Procedures* (Standards and Procedures). Higher education providers must require all initial teacher education students to pass a rigorous assessment that covers the breadth of teaching responsibilities to ensure that they are classroom ready by the time they graduate.

As all programs move to become accredited under the new national system they will all be required to assess graduates prior to graduation. All programs will be accredited by the end of 2017.

Implementation of this and other accreditation requirements will be monitored through annual reporting by providers to the teacher regulatory authorities in each State and Territory.