

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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AITSL - Implementation of the Australian Professional Standards for Principals

Question

Where is the implementation of the Australian Professional Standards for Principals at?

- a. How many states, systems and schools have implemented the Principal Standards?
- b. How are you monitoring implementation over time?

Answer

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

- AITSL has completed two evaluations on the implementation of the Standard.
- The evaluations showed that the Standard is well used within education systems across the country. In the Government and Catholic sectors there is application of the Standard in a range of areas. The evaluations indicated the Independent sector appears to have common reference to the Standard but application is managed school by school.
- Information regarding implementation at a school level is not available.
- The evaluations showed uptake of the Standard in such areas as:
 - system initiatives related to school leadership
 - principal recruitment strategies, position descriptions and induction processes
 - school leadership performance and development
 - school leadership professional learning frameworks
 - university education courses.
- AITSL is monitoring implementation of the Standard by including questions relating specifically to the Standard in the biennial AITSL Stakeholder Survey.
- The results from the 2016 survey indicated very high levels of awareness of the Standard across principals (98 per cent) and deputy principals (90 per cent).