

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000536**

Senator O'Neill, Deborah provided in writing.

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**Question**

1. What are the main priorities that AITSL is pursuing at the moment, and have there been any recent changes to these priorities?
2. What are the staffing numbers in AITSL? The Budget papers indicate a reduction in staff over the next financial year, which areas will lose staff and will this have an effect on the operations of AITSL?
3. Please provide an update on all research or reports AITSL is currently and their expected completion date?

**Answer**

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

1. AITSL has three areas of focus:
  - Initial Teacher Education (major focus)
  - School Leadership
  - Teaching
2. AITSL has moved from 62 staff in 2013-14 to 56 in the 2015-16 financial year. With a number of staff departures through resignation, retirements and the conclusion of fixed-term contracts, there have been some efficiencies through a realignment of the organisational structure.
3. AITSL commissions a range of reports and research to support and inform its work. Research and reports currently underway:

*Research supporting TEMAG deliverables:*

Accreditation, selection, preservice teacher assessment, professional experience, research and workforce planning	Ongoing
Professional Growth Partnerships: Professional Conversations	January 2016

*Other research*

Evaluation of the Australian Professional Standard for Principals	June 2015
Professional Experience – Case Studies of Good Practice	August 2015
Evaluation of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers	December 2015
National Research Plan for Initial Teacher Education	December 2015
Initial Teacher Education Data Framework Project	December 2015