

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: AITSL

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000538

Senator O'Neill, Deborah provided in writing.

AITSL: AITSL budget

Question

With reference to AITSL's 2015-16 PBS, specifically the comprehensive income statement and the statement of cash flows: The statements show that AITSL's operating expenses will be half of the 2014-15 levels by 2017-18.

1. Is there a specific reason AITSL's operating expenses will be halved by the 2017-18 financial year?
2. Will this impact the operation of AITSL?
3. What are the projected staffing numbers over the forward estimates?

Answer

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

1. AITSL's funding has two elements: core funding and project funding. The PBS from 2015-16 to 2017-18 shows core funding only. This is supplemented by \$16.9 million from 2015-16 to 2018-19 to implement the response to the Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group to improve teacher education.
2. AITSL's work will be targeted to Initial Teacher Education.
3. Projected staffing numbers over the forward estimates will be considered as part of the 2016/17 budget preparation.