

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000617

Senator Cameron, Doug asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 98

Online learning

Question

Senator CAMERON: Does the new contract consist of any online learning?

Mr Morling: Both programs have a distance learning component which can include online learning. It can also include packs mailed to students.

Senator CAMERON: How many hours of online learning are permitted?

Mr Morling: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

Yes the new contract allows online or web based learning.

AMEP clients have the option to participate in virtual tuition which provides for face to face online learning for a fixed amount or a percentage of their hours:

- 100 hours of their 510 hour entitlement
- 20 per cent of their Special Preparatory Program (SPP) hours (SPP provides eligible clients up to an additional 400 hours)
- 20 per cent of their Settlement Language Pathways to Employment and Training (SLPET) hours (SLPET provides eligible clients up to an additional 200 hours, including 80 hours in work placements)
- 20 per cent of their anticipated AMEP Extend hours (AMEP Extend provides eligible clients up to an additional 490 hours for students who have reached their 510 hours, but not achieved functional English).

The SEE program allows up to 50 per cent of the weekly teaching load to be delivered via online learning.