

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

AITSL: teachers' ability to assess progress of students

Question

What is AITSL doing to improve teachers' ability to assess the progress of their students?

Answer

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

AITSL's work on teacher quality to date has primarily focused on developing and subsequently supporting the implementation of the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers*. This has been through the development of a range of Standards-aligned resources such as the Illustrations of Practice, Teacher Self-Assessment Tool and My Standards application, as well as initiatives such as teacher certification. These resources assist teachers to understand and implement all Standards, including Standard 5: Assess, provide feedback, and report on student learning.

To provide additional support aligned to Standard 5, AITSL has also recently released a suite of resources supporting teachers to effectively use feedback and related questioning strategies to understand student progress (<https://www.aitsl.edu.au/feedback>).