

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001144**

Senator Cameron, Doug asked on 20 October 2016, Proof Hansard page 125

***Adult Migrant English Program***

**Question**

Senator CAMERON: ..... Can you tell me briefly why you decoupled the program from its social goals?

Ms Lynch-Magor: I do not believe we have decoupled program from its social goals.

Senator CAMERON: Can you then on notice point to where the social goals are included?

Ms Lynch-Magor: Yes. The fundamental tenets of the program remain the same, but we will take it on notice.

**Answer**

- The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) enables clients to confidently participate socially in the Australian community.
- In the new business model, AMEP service providers will be contractually bound to deliver AMEP tuition contextualised on Australian values, cultures and laws.
- AMEP clients will be assisted to improve their English language proficiency through content which is relevant to Australian society and also aids in the acquisition of the four core ACSF skills of learning, reading, writing, and oral communication.