

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

Teach Next

In relation to the Teach Next project, how will the 450 highly skilled professionals with specialist qualifications be chosen? What sort of criteria will be utilised in handpicking these professionals and to ensure that a non-biased approach is undertaken?

Answer

Applicants for the Teach Next program will participate in a selection process that assesses both their aptitude for the teaching profession as well as their suitability to an employment-based pathway. Details of the process are under development. However, successful applicants will need to hold an Australian citizenship or permanent residency status, pass a Working with Children Check (or equivalent) and be able to obtain an Approval to Teach (or equivalent) from the relevant teaching registration body.