

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(233) Output 2.1: Settlement Services

Senator Hurley asked:

What is the qualification of tutors of the AMEP citizenship course?

Answer:

The service providers' contracts to deliver the AMEP require that teachers are licensed for the Certificate of Spoken and Written English (CSWE) curriculum used in the AMEP, which requires:

- A Bachelor of Education, Graduate Diploma of Education or equivalent which includes an appropriate "Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages" (TESOL) methodology strand; or
- A degree or equivalent plus an appropriate post graduate TESOL qualification which includes at least 100 hours of TESOL method and a supervised practicum of at least 60 hours.