



Media release

New inquiry into E-Petition 077-25: Access to 11–12 ATAR language courses in 2026

The Standing Committee on Social Policy has announced it will be undertaking an inquiry into E-Petition 077-25: Access to 11–12 ATAR language courses in 2026.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Thomas Emerson MLA, said, ‘A significant number of people signed this petition expressing concern about reduced pathways for students to continue their language studies into college.’

‘Through this inquiry, the Committee is seeking to better understand the reasons behind the ACT Government’s decision not to offer a centralised program for Year 11 and 12 ATAR language courses, and the sufficiency of other language study pathways for college students.’

The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are available on the [ACT Legislative Assembly](https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/act-legislative-assembly) website.

Information about how to make a submission is available on the Assembly website:

<https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/get-involved/guides/submissions>

Submissions close on 2 April 2026.

5 March 2026

STATEMENT ENDS

For further information, please contact:

- Thomas Emerson MLA, Chair – (02) 6205 1475
- Katie Langham, Secretary – (02) 620 75498 or LACommitteeSP@parliament.act.gov.au