



Inquiry into E-PET-077-25: Access to 11-12 ATAR language courses in 2026

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Education and Early Childhood

In relation to: Consultation

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Mr Jason Borton took on notice the following question(s):

MS BARRY: I am so sorry, can I just ask a supplementary? And it is probably something you could take on notice as well.

Mr Borton: Sure.

MS BARRY: So one of the submissions from the Australian Education Union indicated that most of the recommendations they made are not reflected in the plan. Can you take on notice to provide how you incorporated that consultation that you had with them and the pairings into the plan?

Mr Borton: Sure.

MS BARRY: Thank you.

Mr Borton: Yes, we can do that.

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Education Directorate acknowledges the comprehensive submission provided by the Australian Education Union (AEU) in 2022 in response to the directorate's consultation on the Language Education Action Plan (LEAP). This submission provided valuable feedback centred around engagement with language teachers, options for reform with a focus on the minimum mandated minutes, languages taught in schools, and delivery models for language education, as well as resourcing and workforce considerations. While the LEAP addresses some of these areas, the scope of the actions were scaled to ensure feasibility. The outcomes of these actions will continue to support future planning and priorities for language education at both a school and directorate level.

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By the Minister for Education and Early Childhood, Yvette Berry MLA

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