

**MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING
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**QUESTION ON NOTICE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
2010-2**

Primary schools without a language program

MS BRESNAN - asked the Minister for Education and Training on 20 January 2010.

- (1) Can you give an update of progress in relation to work being done to support primary schools without a language program, introduce one by 2011?

MR BARR - the answer to Ms Bresnan's question is:

- (1) The Department provides a range of support to encourage the introduction of language programs in primary schools, including:
- allocating one-off \$1000 start up grants and providing advice regarding the selection of suitable resource materials
 - providing additional staffing points to assist with resource and program development
 - providing ongoing professional learning opportunities to enhance teacher languages skills and teaching pedagogy
 - assisting school executives to plan for language program implementation e.g. choice of language, appropriate resources, timetabling considerations
 - supplying Languages Scope and Sequence documents
 - providing additional languages classes and pedagogical support for new and beginning teachers
 - ensuring recruitment activity maximises language teaching positions.

The position of languages in ACT primary schools continues to strengthen. In 2009, 10 primary schools and in 2010, 11 primary schools, initiated new language programs. All remaining schools without a program are expecting to initiate a program for the 2011 school year.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

Andrew Barr MLA

Minister for Education and Training

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