

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 828

MS NUTTALL MLA: To ask the Minister for Education and Early Childhood

1. What percentage of Year 12 graduating cohorts completed language majors at continuing level in
 - (a) 2024 and
 - (b) 2025 in the ACT.
2. How do the figures referred to in part (1) compare with figures for
 - (a) NSW,
 - (b) Victoria and
 - (c) South Australia, where there are state government funded schools of languages.
3. Does the Government currently fund any third-party provider to administer senior secondary language courses; if not, would the Government support an initiative by a capable, third-party provider to take on central delivery of senior secondary language courses if such a provider comes forward.

MS BERRY MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) The percentage of Year 12 graduating cohorts that completed language majors at continuing level was:
 - a) 2.6% in 2024, and
 - b) 3.6% in 2025.
- 2) NSW, Victoria and South Australia structure their senior secondary certificates and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligibility differently to the ACT. While students in each jurisdiction who successfully complete the required pattern of study may qualify for a Senior Secondary Certificate and an ATAR, the way these requirements are organised varies significantly between systems. The data below represents the best possible comparison of the different systems using the most current publicly available information.

- a) NSW¹
 - i) 2024, 2 unit, languages, continuers courses as a percentage of overall course completions, 4.5%, and
 - ii) 2025, data not yet publicly available.
- b) South Australia²
 - i) 2024, Stage 2 languages (20 credits), continuers courses as a percentage of overall completions, 6.5%, and
 - ii) 2025, data not yet publicly available.
- c) Victoria³
 - i) 2024, VCE Units 3-4, languages as a percentage of overall VCE Units 1-4, 0.6%, and
 - ii) 2025, data not yet publicly available.
- 3) No, the ACT Government does not currently fund any third-party provider to administer senior secondary language courses. External providers can apply to become an approved Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) Specialist Education Provider to deliver one or more BSSS courses (such as language courses), however, the ACT Government does not centrally fund these providers or programs.

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Minister for Education and Early Childhood

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¹ Public and private education combined

² Public and private education combined

³ Public and private education combined