

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Education:

**ESL Resources in North East Arnhem Land**

- 1. Please advise how many tertiary trained ESL teachers are based at schools in North East Arnhem Land?**

This data is not available as it is not collected by the Department of Education (the department).

- 2. Please advise what NT created ESL programs, specifically designed for Aboriginal children such as Walking Talking Text, are used in NT classrooms?**

The department has an English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D) and Culturally Responsive Learning team that develops resources for EAL/D learners. These resources focus on:

- identifying EAL/D learners
- assessing EAL/D learners
- planning for EAL/D learners
- using the NT EAL/D learning progressions
- EAL/D pedagogy
- EAL/D professional development
- EAL/D monitoring and reporting.

These online resources are available to for all government and non-government schools.

The department also provides access for government and non-government educators to the EAL/D Hub. This is a national online professional development resource aligned to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. Participants are supported to develop their knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners and acquire the practice needed to deliver quality instruction of English as an additional language or dialect across the curriculum areas. The EAL/D Hub was launched in East Arnhem in term 1, 2022. Access to the EAL/D Hub is via the department's website.

Additionally, the department supports schools in East Arnhem with Read Write Inc. (RWI) and RWI Fresh Start, an English synthetic phonics program. RWI is intended for students aged 4 to 9 years. RWI Fresh Start is a phonics resource that can be used as an intervention for older students who have not developed phonics skills. All students must have an EAL/D speaking level of at least Beginning Level 2 to participate fully with RWI.