

**Estimates Committee 2012**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

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Subject: Funding for Japanese language position

**From:** Mr Peter Chandler to Dr Chris Burns  
Education and Training

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**Question:**

Is it the case that the Territory government funding that was provided in conjunction with support from the Japan foundation for a language position finishes at the end of this semester and that the Japan foundation was not told about this until this week?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 19/07/2012

**Minister:** MINISTER BURNS  
**Portfolio:** MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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#### ANSWER:

In 2011, the Japan Foundation sought grant applications from across Australia for short term grants of up to twelve months for the delivery of Japanese language and culture programs for the period of August 2011 to July 2012.

The Department of Education and Training was successful in receiving a grant to provide additional support in the provision of Japanese language programs. The grant provided for a 0.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) administration officer that concludes on 31 July 2012.

In Term 2, 2011 the Darwin Language Centre received \$23 000, under the 'Support for Japanese Language' program, from the Japan Foundation. The grant period was from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012. The Department of Education and Training topped up with an additional \$30 000 from funding to employ a native Japanese speaking part-time instructor to support and facilitate Japanese language and culture workshops for teachers. This position is not a teaching position. Ms Chie Adachi has been employed in the position for the past eleven months. Ms Adachi has a doctorate and is pursuing a research position in a university. She has recently won a position with the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education and starts in July 2012.

The Executive Director Education Services contacted Ms Angela O'Connell at the Japan Foundation in Term 2, 2012. The Foundation has agreed to accept an application from the Department of Education and Training to fund the program for a second year.