

TEACHING AND LEARNING INTERNATIONAL SURVEY (TALIS)

What is TALIS?

TALIS is the new OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey. It is the first international survey in which the major focus is on the learning environment and working conditions of teachers in schools. TALIS offers an opportunity for teachers and school principals to provide input into educational analysis and policy development on key contemporary issues. Cross-country analysis will allow countries to identify other countries facing similar challenges and to learn from other policy approaches. The survey is being conducted in 24 countries.

The target population of TALIS

Teachers of Junior Cycle students and principal teachers are being asked to respond to questionnaires which have been developed by an international expert group. Each questionnaire takes about 45 minutes to complete. There is also an option to complete the TALIS questionnaire online. In Ireland, questionnaires are available in English and Irish, in print and online format.

Responses to questionnaires are entirely confidential. At no time will the identity of individual teachers, principals or schools be revealed.

Schools, as well as teachers within schools, are randomly selected to take part in TALIS. In each country some 200 schools and 20 teachers within each school are selected for the Main Study.

Issues to be examined in TALIS

TALIS focuses on the following policy issues:

- The professional development of teachers, including frequency of and access to development activities.
- The association between forms of teacher appraisal and teaching practices and beliefs.
- The association between school-level policies and practices, including school leadership, and the learning environment in schools.
- The development and support of effective school leadership.
- Recent trends in school leadership and management.
- The profiles of countries with regard to teaching practices, activities, beliefs and attitudes, and how these vary according to teacher background characteristics.

Countries participating in TALIS

(as of October 2007)

Australia	Lithuania
Austria	Netherlands
Belgium (Flemish Community)	Malta
Brazil	Malaysia
Bulgaria	Mexico
Denmark	Norway
Estonia	Poland
Hungary	Portugal
Iceland	Spain
Ireland	Slovak Republic
Italy	Slovenia
Republic of Korea	Turkey

TALIS timeline

The broad timeline is:

- *Field Trial*

A field trial was carried out in most participating countries, including Ireland, in March/April 2007

- *Main study*

Southern hemisphere countries
October/November 2007

Northern hemisphere countries
February/March 2008

- *Publication of First International Report*
June 2009

- *Publication of National Report for Ireland*
October 2009

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