

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000058

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 25 February 2015, Hansard page 50

ACARA - curriculum writing

Question

Senator O'NEILL: The payment for the curriculum writing is \$127,000. Would that be part of the cost of the curriculum writing or would that come under consultation and feedback?

Dr Lambert: I have got the figures here, but I just need to highlight it in my iPad. Could I take that on notice? The figures are not quite here as I thought they were.

Senator O'NEILL: If you could, on notice, provide the actual breakdown of the costs of the process that you are going through, because you have indicated today something that I was unaware of—that there is a framework for classical languages that is new. Where does that fit within the costings that we have received? What would the cost of employing the curriculum writers be? If you can also provide the time line and the rationale around the selection of the way in which you are going to proceed, that would be pretty helpful.

Dr Lambert: Sure.

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority has provided the following response.

The development of a *Framework for Classical Languages* is included in the cost of developing language-specific curriculum for Classical Greek and Latin.

The estimated cost for writing each curriculum is \$127,000 which includes an estimated cost of \$50,000 for employing writers. Funding for writing the Framework for classical languages is provided for within the funding allocation for Latin and Classical Greek.

A detailed breakdown of estimated costs is provided below.

Breakdown of estimated costs

Line Item	Language-specific curricula (inclusive of the Framework)	
	Classical Greek	Latin
ACARA Personnel (salaries and on-costs)	\$50,000	\$50,000
Curriculum Writing (including revisions)		
- Curriculum writers	50000	50000
- Curriculum advisors	10000	10000
- Critical friends and language experts	18000	18000
- Travel by staff and contractors for workshops with writers and critical friends	49000	49000
Subtotal	\$127,000	\$127,000
Consultation and feedback		
- Language check	1,000	1,000
- Editing	2,500	2,500
- Inclusivity check	500	500
- Consultation website costs (ESA)	2,500	2,500
- Analysis and reporting (External consultant)	6,000	6,000
Subtotal	\$12,500	\$12,500
Curriculum final release		
- Validation of achievement standards (workshop 1)	9600	9600
- Validation of achievements standards (workshop 2)	9600	9600
- Language check	1,000	1,000
- Inclusivity check	500	500
- Editing	2,500	2,500
- Website development	15,000	15,000
- Vodcast for Australian Curriculum website	3,500	3,500
Subtotal	\$41,700	\$41,700
Total estimated cost	\$231,200	\$231,200

A detailed timeline is provided below.

Key milestones and timeline

Milestones	Timeline for development
Environmental scan and desktop mapping of existing classical languages curricula in states and territories	January 2015
Broad outline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of writing team and experts • Writers and experts induction • National Panel meeting • Initial scoping workshop to develop design of the Framework 	January – June 2015
Development of draft Years 7-10 Australian Curriculum Framework for classical languages and curricula for classical Greek and Latin (including content descriptions, elaborations and achievement standards) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Panel meeting 	July – January 2016
National consultation on the draft Years 7 – 10 Australian Curriculum Framework for classical languages and curricula for classical Greek and Latin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACARA Board sign-off on draft curriculum 	February – April 2016
Revised curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation feedback, analysis and directions report • National Panel meeting 	June 2016
Revised curricula for Ministerial sign-off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACARA Board • AEEYSOC • Education Council 	October – December 2016
Curricula published	December 2016