

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0829\_11**

**Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.**

**Question**

**AUSTRALIAN BACCALAUREATE - GROWTH IN EDUCATION MARKET SHARE**

"In light of the existing International Baccalaureate's (IB) growth in education market share in Australia, is it intended that the Australian Baccalaureate compete directly with the IB? If yes, how will the Australian Baccalaureate be a competent rival to the IB in relation to content and assessment? If no, what mechanisms will be put in place so that the AB and the IB will complement each other?"

**Answer**

Implementation details of the Australian Baccalaureate are under consideration.

The introduction of the Australian Baccalaureate will follow the implementation of phase one of the Australian Curriculum subjects in the senior secondary years, commencing in 2015 or 2016.