

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome **2**

DEEWR Question No. EW0128_10

Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

Reports on music education

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW831_09

In DEEWR Question No. EW831_09 2008, I asked:

c) Given the emphasis on assisting “primary schools which have no music programs” can the Department advise how many primary schools in Australia currently have no music program?

In response, the Government advised:

The report of the National Review of School Music Education (2005) commented that it was “not possible to give a complete and accurate portrait of student participation and achievement in music across Australian schools. States and Territories do not aggregate information on students studying music K-10”.

One of the specific proposals of the National Music Workshop was to mandate reporting of school music provision by the States and Territories.

What has this Government done to ensure that each State and Territory reports on the quantity and quality of school music provision?

Answer

The second tranche of national curriculum development will include the arts (visual and performing), languages and geography. ACARA will provide advice to the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs in October 2009 on the approach, timeframe and estimated costs for this second phase of national curriculum development.