

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

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

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**DEEWR Question No. EW0131\_10**

Senator Mason provided in writing.

**Question**

*School Music Education Portal*

*Refers to previous DEEWR Question No. EW829\_09.*

1. Has the Government considered the School Music Education Portal in light of its education priorities?
2. Has the School Music Education Portal project commenced?
3. Is there funding in place for the School Music Education Portal?
4. If the Government does not intend to proceed with the School Music Education Portal, what are its reasons for cancelling the project?
5. If the Government does not intend to proceed with the School Music Education Portal, what has happened to the funding allocation for this important project?
6. If the Government does not intend to proceed with the School Music Education Portal, what alternatives are being considered?

**Answer**

1) Yes.

2) No.

3) No.

4) Support for the key learning areas of the Australian Curriculum, which will include music as part of the arts, will be provided by the Government through other initiatives, including the online curriculum resources and digital architecture initiative of the Digital Education Revolution, as outlined in QON EW0129\_10.

5) As noted in answer 4 above, support will be provided for key learning areas of the Australian Curriculum, which will include music as part of the arts.

The specific funding allocated to the music education portal initiative was returned to the Quality Outcomes Program, which provides funding for strategic projects that support the Australian Government's key objective of improved student learning outcomes in schools and its national leadership role in school education.

6) See answer 4 above.