

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0514\_13**

**Senator Mason provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Australian Baccalaureate**

The ALP's fact sheet on the Australian Baccalaureate "A world class qualification for a world class education" claims this certificate is needed for "high performing students who want an internationally recognised qualification that measures a variety of achievements". a. Was a research report, feasibility study, or any other type of report commissioned before this announcement was made showing that a new certificate for high-performing students was needed? b. Will the Australian Baccalaureate be competing with the same cohort of students that currently undertake the International Baccalaureate?

**Answer**

a) The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will lead the development of the Australian Baccalaureate. ACARA will prepare detailed advice for consideration by all education ministers on options for the Australian Baccalaureate.

b) See above.