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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Review of national curriculum

The Government have announced a review of the curriculum. How will this review proceed? Who will conduct the review? When will it commence and what is that latest date the review will publically report by? What consultation will take part in the course of the review? How much will the review cost? When was the last comprehensive review of the curriculum? What steps were taken in that review and what steps were taken, particularly in relation to consultation with the States and Territories, and with the Catholic and independent school systems in developing the current curriculum?

Answer

The conduct and processes for the review of the Australian Curriculum are currently under consideration by the Government.

There has been no previous comprehensive review of the Australian Curriculum.

The Australian Curriculum has been developed by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) in accordance with the process set out in the Curriculum Development Process (version 6.0) available on ACARA's website at www.acara.edu.au.