

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0006_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Changes to the national curriculum

Can the federal Minister unilaterally change the national curriculum? Would legislation, or agreements with the States and Territories need to change in order for the Minister to make unilateral changes to the curriculum?

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority is established under the Commonwealth *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008* (the Act).

Under the Act, the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood directs the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, including its activities relating to administering and developing the Australian Curriculum.