

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000030

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 25 February 2015, Hansard page 53

ACARA - Education Council decision (senior secondary years 11 & 12)

Question

Senator Ryan: I will take on notice what the exact decision of the Education Council was, but what Mr Cook is saying reflects my memory of the previous meeting—that the states and territories guard their autonomy in senior secondary, years 11 and 12, particularly strongly. That is reflected on both sides of politics at the state level.

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Senator O'NEILL: Can you tell me about the funding that was allocated to that? What has happened with the funding that was allocated to that work?

Mr Randall: I will take that on notice.

Answer

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority has provided the following response.

At the 12 December 2014 meeting of the Education Council, it was noted that ACARA will report to the Council mid-2015 regarding the possibility for further senior secondary Australian Curriculum subjects, due to:

- the absence of overall agreement amongst states about further senior secondary curriculum development and
- the forthcoming discussion of recommendations from the Review of the Australian Curriculum.

At the end of the 2013/14 financial year, funding to the amount of \$372,750 was re-directed from Senior Secondary to NAPLAN Online.