

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000054

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ACARA - languages curriculum

Question

Senator O'NEILL: ... Can I go straight to the languages curriculum. I have some more general questions but I will just ask a few specific ones, if I can, straight up. In relation to the 2014-15 budget, there was an initiative of \$1.8 million for ACARA to improve the take-up of foreign languages. Can you provide a breakdown of how that \$1.8 million has been or will be spent by key milestones for each language.

Mr Randall: For the level of detail you want, it is probably better to take that on notice.

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Senator O'NEILL: You indicated the costs of the developmental course at \$50,000; curriculum writing, \$127,000; consultation, \$12,000; curriculum final release, \$41,000; and the total estimated cost of developing those costs at \$231,200 each. In the same format would be very helpful, Dr Lambert.

Dr Lambert: Sure.

Answer

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

A breakdown of the itemised cost of developing the *Australian Curriculum: Languages* for Hindi, Turkish and Auslan, and Latin and Classical Greek is provided below. Funding for the Framework for classical languages is provided for within the funding allocation for Latin and Classical Greek. The Australian Government has committed funding of \$1.8 million for this work over two years (2014-15 and 2015-16).

Table 1: Breakdown of estimated costs

Line Item	Language-specific curricula (inclusive of the Framework)					Total
	Hindi	Turkish	Classical Greek	Latin	Auslan	
ACARA Personnel (salaries and on-costs)	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$120,000	\$450,000
Curriculum Writing (including revisions)	\$186,200	\$186,200	\$127,000	\$127,000	\$281,100	\$907,500
Consultation and feedback	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$25,000	\$90,000
Curriculum final release (including validation of achievement standards)	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$41,700	\$41,700	\$93,100	\$352,500
Total estimated cost	\$409,200	\$409,200	\$231,200	\$231,200	\$519,200	\$1,800,000