Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000124

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

ACARA: Development of the Australian Curriculum

Question

Referring to the development of the Australian Curriculum, can you please outline the work underway to include students with disabilities and those for whom English is an additional language. Can you please outline any milestones, including consultation and testing of concepts and materials?

Answer

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

In relation to the work underway to better support students with disability please refer to SQ16-000024.

No specific English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D) work has been requested by Education Council under ACARA's work plan 2015-16. Since publication of improvements to the Australian Curriculum in October 2015, minor maintenance work has been undertaken to update related aspects of the English as an Additional Language or Dialect Teacher Resource.