

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000416**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

***Australian Curriculum for Years 11 and 12***

**Question**

What is the progress in developing the Australian Curriculum for Years 11 and 12, as was agreed to by the Ministerial Council? (p. 15 NERA)

Where is each jurisdiction up to in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum for Years 11 and 12?

- What is the Department's role in monitoring implementation?
- What are the next steps in implementation?

**Answer**

Fifteen senior secondary subjects have been endorsed by Education Council as the agreed common base for the development of state and territory Year 11 and 12 courses. These cover English, mathematics, science, history (endorsed December 2012) and geography (endorsed July 2013).

A summary of state and territory implementation approaches and timeframes is at:

[https://acaraweb.blob.core.windows.net/resources/Senior\\_Secondary\\_Australian\\_Curriculum\\_-\\_Attachment\\_1.pdf](https://acaraweb.blob.core.windows.net/resources/Senior_Secondary_Australian_Curriculum_-_Attachment_1.pdf)

The 2014 Review of the Australian Curriculum, endorsed by Education Council in September 2015, recommended the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), with interested jurisdictions, scope options for further development of the senior secondary curriculum. ACARA has ongoing responsibility for the Australian Curriculum and is continuing to work with states and territories to develop processes, options and timelines for further senior secondary subjects.