

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000469**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***ACARA - Students with disability***

**Question**

What approach is being taken to the development of the curriculum for students with disability?

What is the forward timeline to develop a curriculum for students with disabilities?

**Answer**

*The Australian Curriculum Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response:*

ACARA has developed one high-quality curriculum for all Australian students. It promotes excellence and equity in education, with all students having the opportunity to participate in rigorous, relevant and engaging learning programs that address their individual learning needs. There is no plan to develop a separate curriculum for students with disabilities.

ACARA continues to work with state and territory jurisdictions, that are responsible for implementation of the curriculum, to ensure all students with disability can access and participate in education on the same basis as other students.

As part of the agreed actions taken to respond to recommendations from the Review of the Australian Curriculum, ACARA, in 2016, published 'Illustrations of practice' videos demonstrating how educators from primary and secondary settings within mainstream and special school contexts were utilising the General Capabilities and the extensions to the Literacy, Numeracy, and Personal and Social Capability continua to plan for personalised learning for students with disability.

In 2017 ACARA will finalise additional illustrations of practice highlighting effective approaches taken by educators to plan and make age-appropriate adjustments for students with disability.

Finally, also as part of its response to the Review of the Australian Curriculum, the list of resources published on the Australian Curriculum website has been updated by ACARA and continues to be refined in consultation with ACARA's Students With Disability Advisory Group.

These activities provide support for teachers and schools in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum for students with disabilities.