

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000329

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ACARA: Indigenous languages

Question

Senator WRIGHT: Can you provide some more information about the curriculum and what interest you have had from schools in teaching it?

Mr Randall: I think the second part of that question I will take on notice. I think there is a lot of interest. As you have just said, there is a lot of support for it. Just to be clear, because the range of languages and the different state of languages of the first people varies, we are writing a framework that supports schools to work with their local community to teach a language that respects the cultural ownership of the language and the different states of languages. So that is what we are doing. It is a bit different from the other languages curriculum. We can give you some of the feedback we have had about the interest in it.

Answer

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

ACARA does not have quantitative data on the number of schools interested in teaching the Framework for Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages. However, there has been considerable interest around the development of the *Framework*, especially from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural organisations and community groups, and state and territory education authorities.