

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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***ACARA: Donnelly Wiltshire review***

#### **Question**

Senator O'NEILL: I want to ask about the Donnelly Wiltshire review. ACARA has been asked by the ministerial council to provide advice on four themes, which you indicated earlier in your evidence. Have you completed that advice?

Mr Randall: No. Our work will go to the next ACARA board meeting. My expectation is that we will take that advice back to the September council meeting.

Senator O'NEILL: If you could provide a timeline on that, that would be helpful. When are these key dates in the progress of the journey to that point?

Mr Randall: I think the next ACARA board meeting is 24 or 25 June. Hopefully, I can get it all through there. If I need to, I think there is another meeting following that. But then there is the September council meeting. I do not know off the top of my head. If you want that, we can provide it.

#### **Answer**

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

- December 2014 - Education Council asked ACARA to provide advice on four themes; resolving the overcrowded curriculum, improving parental engagement around the curriculum, improving accessibility for all students and rebalancing the curriculum arising from the Review.
- 5 March 2015 - ACARA provided advice to the Education Council meeting and the advice was noted and the proposed actions were endorsed.
- March to June 2015 - ACARA progressed the actions
- 25 June – The ACARA Board considered proposed changes to the Australian Curriculum and other actions related to the four agreed themes
- September 2015 – Education Council to consider:
  - changes to Foundation to Year 10 for Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science, humanities and social sciences, the arts, technologies and health and physical education, which have been developed in response to themes of resolving the overcrowded curriculum and 'rebalancing' the curriculum
  - options and proposed actions for improving accessibility for all students
  - endorsement of phase 2 and 3 curriculum.
- Late 2015 - Education Council to consider:
  - materials for improving parental access to the Australian Curriculum