

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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ACARA: schedule of work

Question

Mr Randall: The curriculum group in the main. Dr Lambert has led that work. I said earlier that I have been involved in various meetings, including with the Australian primary principals and others, so I have been involved in it along the way. But it is Dr Lambert, with his curriculum people. For example, one of the steps in the process is our F to 12 curriculum reference group meeting. I think it is tomorrow. They will be working through some of these. But that is part of this process of getting us to the board. So there are officers and state and territory people. It is the answer I said earlier. There is a lot of work going on to work through all the options and what is best going to meet needs and enhance the curriculum.

Senator O'NEILL: If you could provide me on notice with a schedule of the work that is foreshadowed, that would be very welcomed.

Mr Randall: Okay.

Answer

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

ACARA's work related to the four themes outlined in the Australian Government's initial response to the Review of the Australian Curriculum is well underway, with much of the work completed and awaiting approval.

Work foreshadowed for the remainder of 2015 includes:

- endorsement by Education Council of the changes to Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum content descriptions and achievement standards for English, mathematics, science, humanities and social sciences, the arts, technologies and health and physical education
- publication of the revised Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum on a new and refined Australian Curriculum website
- development and publication of materials that support improved parental access to the new curriculum
- endorsement by Education Council of a proposed course of action and the commencement of that work to improve accessibility for students with disability.