

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

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Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 87

ACARA: consultants

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Have any external consultants been engaged to work on this on a contract or any other basis?

Mr Randall: I think along the way—depending on how you define it—we invited some of those people who wrote for us before to also contribute. So I could be saying yes to your question. It depends on what you mean by consultants and the nature of the engagement.

Senator O'NEILL: Would they be honorary consultative positions or paid consultants?

Mr Randall: They could well be paid positions. Again, I am happy to take on notice what consultants have been involved in the work.

Answer

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

ACARA engaged external consultants and practising teachers to revise the Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science, humanities and social sciences, the arts, technologies and health and physical education. The external consultants included academics and professional curriculum writers. Most of the consultants were paid, however, some were engaged on an honorary basis. Schools were paid to release the teachers who worked on the changes to the curriculum.

	Number
Consultants - paid	28
Consultants - honorary	12
Teachers	19