

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

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ARACY

Question

Mr Cook: I also make the point that the full meaning for ARACY is not just about research around parental engagement; ARACY has actually got a contract which covers a number of deliverables. I do not know them off the top of my head—we could do it later today.

Senator WRIGHT: That would be helpful, thank you.

Answer

The Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) is contracted for the period of 2014–15 to 2017–18. The work programme under this contract is negotiated and agreed to by the department on an annual basis.

As part of its agreement ARACY is required to:

- create a shared understanding of parent engagement
- build the profile of parent engagement
- develop a measurement and evaluation framework
- develop a (technical) definition of parent engagement
- develop a 'What Works' database of best practice programmes
- focus on developing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific parent engagement capacity.