

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA)

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Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Development of curriculums for classic Greek and Latin

1) In relation to the development of curriculums for classic Greek and Latin, and the study of these languages: a. How many students, in each state and territory, currently study classic Greek and Latin? b. How many schools, in each state and territory, currently teach classic Greek and Latin? c. How many teachers, in each state and territory, are currently qualified to teach classic Greek and Latin? d.

Please provide an update on the development of the curriculums for classic Greek and Latin, outlining the key milestones, and the itemized cost of developing each of these curriculums.

Answer

1a. ACARA does not have data on how many students study these subjects. This information may be held by state and territory curriculum authorities.

1b. ACARA does not have data on how many schools teach classic Greek and Latin. This information may be held by state and territory curriculum authorities.

1c. ACARA does not have data on the number of teachers in each state and territory qualified to teach these subjects. This information may be held by state and territory curriculum authorities.

1d. In December 2014, ACARA began work to develop the Years 7-10 Australian Curriculum Framework for classical languages and language-specific curriculum for classical Greek and Latin. This work will be completed by the end of 2016. This duration is consistent with the development process for other languages curricula.

The key milestones for the development of the Years 7-10 Australian Curriculum Framework for classical languages and curricula for classical Greek and Latin are:

- Agreement executed – This has been completed
- Appointment and induction of writing team and experts – This is underway
- Regular National Panel meetings
- Development of the draft framework and curricula

- National consultation on the draft framework and curricula
- Revisions to the draft framework and curricula
- Sign-off by ACARA Board and Education Council
- Framework and curricula published

A breakdown of the itemised cost of developing these curricula and framework is provided below.

Table 1: Breakdown of estimated costs

Line Item	Language-specific curricula (inclusive of the Framework)	
	Classical Greek	Latin
ACARA Personnel (allocated salaries and on-costs)	\$50,000	\$50,000
Curriculum Writing	\$127,000	\$127,000
Consultation and feedback	\$12,500	\$12,500
Curriculum final release	\$41,700	\$41,700
Total estimated cost	\$231,200	\$231,200