

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

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

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

**Department of Education Question No. ED0610\_15**

**Senator O'Neill asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 25**

**Question**

**ACARA: National Curriculum (phonics)**

Senator O'NEILL: .....That is why I am asking you on notice to provide a comprehensive list of how phonics features and featured at the time the minister made the comment in the national curriculum. If you can take that on notice, Dr Lambert?

Dr Lambert: We will take that on notice.

**Answer**

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

Phonics is covered in the *Australian Curriculum: English* in the following ways:

- Sound and letter knowledge including; phonemic awareness, alphabet knowledge and phonics from Foundation to Year 2.
- Skills and reading strategies for reading texts including developing fluency and phrasing; making predictions, making self-corrections, using semantic and syntactic information to monitor meaning as they read from Years Foundation to Year 4.
- Knowledge and skills related to phonics are included throughout the curriculum, for example, phonic knowledge applied in spelling based on knowledge of letters, sounds, prefixes, suffixes and word patterns.