

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0685_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

Curriculum review

In relation to the Government's curriculum review, as well as the development of the current curriculum and its implementation: -

- a) How were the subject matter specialists appointed?
- b) How was it decided who to interview for the review?
- c) How was the weighting of submissions determined i.e. individual submission versus those from large representative groups such as those represented by AAAE?
- d) What are jurisdictions doing to initiate and support professional learning for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum?
- e) What strategic partnerships have been developed between jurisdictions and professional teacher associations to support the implementation of the Australian Curriculum?
- f) What is being done to ensure that money allocated to schools by the Commonwealth via the States is used for the professional learning of teachers to support the implementation of the Australian Curriculum? -
- g) How is such professional learning being monitored and recorded for professional purposes?
- h) How many individuals and groups were interviewed by the reviewers?
- i) How many schools were visited by the reviewers during the review process?
- j) How many submissions did the Review receive from practicing teachers?
- k) How many teachers were interviewed during the review process?
- l) How many professional teacher associations were interviewed during the review process?
- m) What was the percentage of submissions to the review that were critical of the Australian Curriculum overall and called for significant changes?
- n) How many consultation submissions from practicing teachers did the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) receive in the consultation periods during the development of the Australian Curriculum (2009-2014)?
- o) How much money has been expended by jurisdictions in providing professional learning to support the implementation of the Australian Curriculum?

Answer

- a) This information has been provided in response to [ED0603_15](#).
- b) The Reviewers decided the stakeholders with whom they wished to consult.
- c) All submissions were considered along with evidence collected through research and consultations.

- d) This question is a matter for the state, territory and non-government education authorities, as the employers of teachers in schools.
- e) This question is a matter for the state, territory and non-government education authorities.
- f) Jurisdictions are best placed to decide where their funding needs to be directed.
- g) This question is a matter for the state, territory and non-government education authorities.
- h) Eight individuals and 72 organisations.
- i) No school visits were undertaken by the Reviewers.
- j) A total of 379 (24 per cent) of submissions received were from teachers.
- k) No individuals were interviewed in their capacity as a teacher.
- l) Six professional teacher associations met with the Reviewers.
- m) In total, 1025 submissions (64 per cent) requested that one or more changes be made to the Australian Curriculum as an outcome of the Review.
- n) This question is a matter for ACARA.
- o) This question is a matter for the state, territory and non-government education authorities.