

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0412\_14**

**Senator O'Neill asked on 26 February 2014, Hansard page 22**

**Question**

***ACARA - board work program***

Senator O'NEILL: Did ACARA provide any advice to the minister about the board work program that you anticipated and any impact that a decrease in funding for ACARA in the 2013-14 financial year would make? Mr Randall: Yes to the first part. Senator O'NEILL: May we have a copy of that advice? Mr Randall: I will take that on notice. Again, I go back to my answer to an earlier question. As I said, we met with the minister and talked through the work program. The second part of the questions was about this budget provision for some work that had not yet translated into our work program. So we had talked about our current work program and the provision that is there, and the funding that we have for what we are currently asked to do. That change in the budget has not impacted on the work that we have been asked to do because it was a provision for something that had yet to be formally presented to us. Senator O'NEILL: Could ask on notice, then, how the \$1.7 million saving is going to be delivered this year through ACARA, and what will be the impact of those savings in future years. Mr Randall: I will take that on notice.

**Answer**

ACARA has provided the following response

ACARA has not received any official correspondence about the implementation of the Australian Government's election commitment to refocus the agency by transferring assessment and reporting functions to the department.

ACARA continues to implement the work program that has been given to it by the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC), which is the body that approves ACARA's work program and assigns funding to ACARA to operate.