

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Mason asked on 4 June 2008, EEWL Hansard page 69.

Question

National curriculum for music

Are there any current plans for the development of a national music curriculum?

Answer

The Australian Government is establishing the National Curriculum Board to develop the national curriculum. It will start with English, mathematics, the sciences and history. The second phase of national curriculum will be in languages and geography.

As the work of the National Curriculum Board progresses it may advise of other learning areas, such as music, that could be considered for inclusion in later phases of its work.

This initiative has the support of the Council of the Australian Governments.