

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Profanity

"1. Would the Government condone the teaching of profanity? 2. Is it envisaged that the teaching of profanity would be included in the final national curriculum?"

Answer

1. No.

2. The Australian Curriculum is being developed by an independent, expert body, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority. Each key stage of the Australian Curriculum must be approved by all of Australia's education ministers. The Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum in English, mathematics, science and history has already been endorsed by all ministers and does not include the teaching of profanity. The Government does not envisage that the teaching of profanity would be included in the curriculum that is still being developed.