

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

Program 2.3 Schools Support (Australian Baccalaureate)

According to the original election commitment in 2010, the cost to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority of developing the Australian Baccalaureate was to be \$2.5 million in the year 2013/14. Following this year's Budget, it's now been pushed back until 2015/16 at a cost of \$2.7 million to develop.

a. What is the cause of this delay? b. How has the development of the new Australian Baccalaureate been costed, i.e what will the \$2.7 million be spent on?

Answer

a) The introduction of the Australian Baccalaureate will follow the implementation of the senior secondary Australian Curriculum in the first four learning areas of English, mathematics, science and history. Ministers are yet to determine an implementation timeline for these subjects.

b) The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will lead the development of the Australian Baccalaureate. ACARA will prepare detailed advice for consideration by all education ministers on options for the Australian Baccalaureate.