

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

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

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0516\_13**

**Senator Mason provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Australian Certificate of Education/Australian Baccalaureate**

"In 2006 a detailed research report "Australian Certificate of Education (ACE): Exploring a way forward" the ACER found that it is unlikely that an Australian Certificate of Education would ever become an 'international certificate' in the sense of an International Baccalaureate diploma program. a. How is the Australian Baccalaureate proposed to be internationally recognised? Formally or informally? With what countries?"

**Answer**

a) 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.