

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000431

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

ACARA - Senior secondary curriculum

Question

Where is ACARA up to in developing a senior secondary curriculum?

- a. When did the Education Council, or SCSEEC, first agree to develop a foundation to Year 12 curriculum?
- b. Is there a timeline for the future development of the senior secondary curriculum? If so, please provide a copy. If not, why not?
- c. What next steps will ACARA be taking to develop the senior secondary curriculum?

Answer

The Australian Curriculum Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response:

The Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) agreed via ACARA's original Charter in December 2008 that ACARA's responsibilities would include development of 'a national curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 12 in specified learning areas'. The learning areas agreed over time were English, mathematics, science, history and geography. ACARA has developed 15 senior secondary subjects in these learning areas, which are available via the Australian Curriculum website (www.australiancurriculum.edu.au).

No further senior secondary learning areas have been agreed by Education Council. ACARA will continue to consult with interested parties on further development of senior secondary curriculum.