

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA)

Department of Education Question No. ED0616_15

Senator O'Neill asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 40

Question

ACARA: cost of developing the existing national curriculum

Senator O'NEILL: I have a final question. Could you give a total indication of the cost of developing the existing national curriculum and all of its components?

Mr Randall: I will take that on notice. The answer is yes, I can; I just do not have it in front of me now.

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

Prior to ACARA becoming operational, the Interim National Curriculum Board was funded by the Commonwealth to initiate development of national curriculum. The figures below do not incorporate this funding.

The table below separates development of the Australian Curriculum for English, mathematics, science, history, geography, the arts, health and physical education, civics and citizenship, economic and business, languages, and technologies, which were funded by the Ministerial Council, from National Trade Cadetships (NTC) curriculum (which was funded by the Commonwealth).

State and Territory government funding contributions to the development of the Australian Curriculum (for English, mathematics, science, history, geography, the arts, health and physical education, civics and citizenship, economic and business, languages, and technologies) are not included below.

Total cost of curriculum development 28 May 2009 – end of October 2014

	Australian Curriculum	NTC Yr 9 & 10 and NTC Yr 11 & 12	Total
Project Expenses¹	\$8,063,594	\$5,187,673	\$13,251,267
Salaries	\$10,546,636	\$1,018,586	\$11,565,222
Non-Project Expenses²	\$4,975,316	\$293,741	\$5,269,057
Total	\$23,585,546	\$6,500,000	\$30,085,546

¹ Project expenses include fees for contracted writers, advisors and critical friends and associated costs (accommodation, travel, food, vehicle hire, taxis), and project related staff costs (accommodation, travel, food, vehicle hire, taxis).

² Non-project expenses include advertising costs, lease costs for the Melbourne office, non-project related costs for curriculum staff (travel, accommodation and food), website hosting, meeting expenses, printing, equipment hire, video conferencing expenses, office supplies, minor equipment, stationery, subscriptions, and credit card charges.