

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000687

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 112.

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Question

Mr Randall: The profile over the last four years reflected the work we needed to do and then, having done all the curriculum work, the last year was less than the previous years. The forward estimate at the moment for the next four years, given our immediate work, asks for a higher figure in the first year than the next three years.

Senator O'NEILL: That figure is related in particular to—

Mr Randall: Because we are moving NAPLAN online.

Senator O'NEILL: Which we were discussing earlier. What is the budget—the first year is big?

Mr Randall: I will take that on notice in terms of the figures. I have given you the headline—I will put that in with the question, because again, that is a matter being addressed by the Education Council.

Senator O'NEILL: If you can give me the year breakdowns going forward, that would be good.

Mr Randall: I understand. As consistent with the answer to the previous question, I will need to take advice about the nature of the document being council in confidence.

Answer

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

ACARA's total budget request for 2016/17 to 2019/20 was \$105.5 million. The breakdown of the requested amount by financial year is:

| 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
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| \$27.36M | \$26.01M | \$26.03M | \$26.1M |