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TOPIC: National Science Curriculum

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QUESTION No.: SI-70

What input has the Department had into the development of the national science curriculum?

Is the Department aware of the view of the Deans of Science who have described the proposed curriculum as incoherent and said that at least a 12 month moratorium is needed before it is implemented? And what is the Department's response to those comments?

ANSWER

This matter falls within the responsibilities of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research has not had input into the development of the national curriculum.