

The Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

ACARA

I understand that ACARA is also advising education ministers on the development of national curriculum in the areas of health and physical education, economics, business, information and communications technology, design and technology, and civic and the arts – where are we at here?

Answer

All Australian Education Ministers have agreed that future development work will focus on the remaining learning areas identified in the *Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians*, namely health and physical education, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and design and technology, economics, business and civics and citizenship. Timelines and processes for this future work have yet to be agreed by Education Ministers. ACARA is expected to provide advice to Education Ministers on the approach and timelines for future phases in 2010.