

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority

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Senator Mason asked on 16 February 2012, Hansard page 36

Question

ACARA - curriculum (agriculture)

Senator McKENZIE: Mr Randall, I am very conscious of time, so could you just detail the organisations that you have met with and a rough time line in terms of phasing that in. Mr Randall: Sure.

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

Overview

Advice has been prepared for writers to guide the inclusion of agriculture across learning areas (such as Science, Geography, Mathematics or English). Feedback has been sought from Primary Industry Education Foundation (PIEF) and NSW Farmers Association.

Curriculum development for the Australian Curriculum: Technologies is at the shaping phase, which provides a 'blueprint' for the next stage of development. The draft *Shape of the Australian Curriculum: Technologies* paper will be available for public consultation in March 2012.

Stakeholder engagement

Date	Stakeholder	Purpose
6 August 2010	Ben Stockwin, Primary Industries Education Foundation (PIEF)	Meeting with GM Curriculum and SPO Technologies to discuss the place of agriculture and primary industries in the Australian Curriculum
31 August 2010	Ben Stockwin (PIEF)	Meeting with SPO Technologies to discuss food and fibre production work
8 October 2010	Proposal emailed to PIEF	ACARA provided a proposal for work on food and fibre production
1 December 2010	Ben Stockwin (PIEF); Assoc Prof John Kent (Australian Council of Deans of Agriculture)	Technologies planning workshop
18 February 2011	Sarah Thompson, Chair Rural Affairs Committee, Peter Gregory and Angus Gidley-Baird, Policy Advisors NSW Farmers Association	Meeting with GM Curriculum and SPO Technologies to discuss the place of agriculture and primary industries in the Australian Curriculum
4 August 2011	Ben Stockwin (PIEF)	Meeting with SPO Cross-curriculum priorities to discuss the role of PIEF and the relationship of food and fibre production to cross-curriculum priority Sustainability.
12–13 September 2011	PIEF and NSW Farmers Association	Draft focal concept materials forwarded to PIEF and NSW Farmers Association for feedback
September 2011	PIEF and NSW Farmers Association	Submissions to the ACARA consultation on Cross-curriculum priorities
11 October 2011	Nigel Grant, President National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE)	Technologies National Panel teleconference
5 December 2011	Professor Les Copeland (Australian Council of Deans of Agriculture);	Technologies National Forum

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	Peter Gregory, NSW Farmers Association; Carl Chirgwin, Alysia Kepert, Peter Smith (NAAE); Nigel Grant (NAAE and PIEF)	

Timeline for development of the Technologies Curriculum

Date	Activity
18 November 2011	Draft Technologies Initial Advice paper approved by the ACARA Board for distribution to participants of the Technologies National Forum.
5 December 2011	Technologies National Forum.
March 2012	Draft Shape of the Australian Curriculum: Technologies paper published for 12 weeks public consultation.
June 2012	Consultation on draft Shape paper closes.
August 2012	Pending ACARA Board approval Shape paper published.
Late 2012	Writing detailed curriculum.
Late 2013	Final curriculum published.