

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0256\_14**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question**

**ACARA - 2012 National Report on Schooling**

The answer to ED0074\_14 advises that the 2012 National Report on Schooling is expected to be published in 2014. However, Part 7 (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education) and Part 8 (Funding Australia's schools) of the 2011 report have not yet been published. Why the delay? When is it expected that they will be published?

**Answer**

ACARA has provided the following response.

Part 8 (Funding Australia's schools) of the *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2011* was subject to an extended delay in the provision to ACARA of some necessary financial data including tables. This has delayed the required consultation, review and approval processes. Draft Part 8 is currently with the Australian Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs Senior Officials Committee (AEEYSOC) for endorsement. It will then be submitted to the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) for approval. If approved, it is expected to be published in May 2014.

Part 7 (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education) of the *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2011* has been the subject of ongoing negotiation with stakeholders around its relationship to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan 2010–2014* and the separate annual report on the action plan also published by SCSEEC. Draft Part 7 is currently with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Working Group for review before undergoing further consultation, review and approval processes, including submission to AEEYSOC and SCSEEC. If approved, it is expected to be published concurrently with the *National Report on Schooling in Australia 2012* in July/August 2014.