

**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 3/06/2010, Hansard page 126.

Question

CROSS-CURRICULUM PERSPECTIVES

Senator MASON—Were parents consulted? Mr Randall—Yes, as a key stakeholder group through the formal groups that represent parents. Senator MASON—I have never heard of any consultation regarding those cross-curriculum perspectives. I am not saying it did not happen, but I do not know how broadly it was canvassed. Can you get back to me and show me, firstly, the document and, secondly, the stakeholders that were consulted? Dr Hill—Yes. Senator MASON—Can you take that on notice? Mr Randall—Yes.

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

The Shape of the Australian Curriculum: A Proposal for Discussion was published by the interim National Curriculum Board for public consultation in October 2008. It was discussed at state, territory and national forums that were conducted following its release and was the subject of written submissions provided to the Board through to the end of January 2009.

Consultation on this document included feedback from each of the key stakeholder groups in every state and territory, including:

- education authorities,
- professional associations,
- parent groups,
- business and industry groups, and
- community organisations.

A copy of the Final Shape and Shape consultation report can be found at:

http://www.acara.edu.au/news_media/publications.html.

A copy of the Draft Shape paper for consultation can be found at:

http://www.acara.edu.au/engagement/past_papers.html.