

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority

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Senator Mason asked on 3/06/2010, Hansard page 126.

Question

FEEDBACK FROM STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

Senator MASON—In their feedback did any of the stakeholder groups suggest any other cross-curriculum perspectives? Mr Randall—To answer that properly I would need to go back and check. My recollection was that there was no strong feedback, otherwise we would have picked those up. I would need to take that on notice and, with the other document, give you the consultation report that was there at the time.

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

Analysis of consultation feedback on the interim National Curriculum Board's *The Shape of the Australian Curriculum: A Proposal for Discussion* identified three cross-curriculum areas for emphasis in the final *Shape of the Australian Curriculum* paper:

- i. Indigenous perspectives
- ii. Asia literacy, and
- iii. Commitment to sustainable patterns of living.

While the weight of consultation feedback emphasised these three areas, other areas identified were: multicultural perspectives, values and ethics, financial literacy. These have been addressed through the development of general capabilities in intercultural understanding, ethical behaviour, and numeracy respectively.

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.