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

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012

# **Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0606\_12

Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

#### Question

#### **Development of Australian Baccalaureate (AB)**

"In relation to the Development of Australian Baccalaureate (AB), who will be developing/administering the program? In relation to the Development of Australian Baccalaureate (AB), who will be providing the choice to states if the states want to implement this programme? "

#### Answer

Details on the development and administration of the Australian Baccalaureate are currently under consideration.

The election commitment indicated that the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will lead the development of the Australian Baccalaureate.

At the July 2011 meeting of the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs, education ministers asked ACARA to prepare advice for the Council to consider on proposals for an Australian Baccalaureate. It is expected the Council will consider this advice in early 2012.