

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

Australian Bacculaureate

Under the Australian Bacculaureate, high performing students would be “electing to be certified for the award, similar to the way students can currently elect to undertake the International Bacculaureate”. a. Has there been any contact between the Government and International Bacculaureate’s head office in Geneva to obtain details on how students elect to undertake the International Bacculaureate? b. Have any potential patent issues been addressed if the Australian Bacculaureate is to emulate the International Bacculaureate in this respect, or any other respect?

Answer

a) No.

b) No.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will lead the development of the Australian Bacculaureate. ACARA will provide detailed advice for consideration by all education ministers on options for the Australian Bacculaureate.