

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority

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Question

ACARA - Public consultation for Australian curriculum

Senator MASON: Mr Randall, at the last estimates you advised the committee that the draft senior secondary Australian curriculum for 14 subjects across the areas of English, maths, science and history was out for public consultation. Mr Randall: Yes. Senator MASON: The consultation was to conclude on 20 July. Mr Randall: Yes. Senator MASON: How many feedback submissions did you receive? Mr Randall: Across the 14—and I will just check the numbers—there was a significant number. I do not have the actual number in front of me— Senator MASON: But you could get it for the committee? Even on notice would be great. Mr Randall: Yes, I can; I can give that to you.

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

The senior secondary draft curriculum consultation period was 10 May to 20 July 2012. A total of 535 responses were received. It should be noted that single responses often incorporate the views of many respondents.

Across all 14 senior secondary subjects (for English, mathematics, science and history) 373 responses were received to the online survey: 76 for English, 114 for mathematics, 110 for science and 73 for history.

In addition to the online survey, 162 written submissions were received. Many of these addressed each of the four learning areas and the subjects therein.

All states and territories provided formal feedback on the draft curriculum.

The senior secondary draft curriculum consultation reports have been approved by the ACARA Board and will be published on the ACARA website in November 2012.