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STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
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Inquiry into referred 2018–19 Annual and Financial Reports ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE 14 November 2019

Asked by MRS KIKKERT:

In relation to: Next steps for UC extension units to be offered

The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The University of Canberra is working closely with the ACT Education Directorate on planning and development of the UC Extension Course, which will be linked to the University of Canberra Affiliated Schools Program. A range of discussions were held between UC Education Faculty and the Education Directorate in 2019 and a full day workshop was held in September 2019 to map out possible options and directions for the UC Extension Course.

From that work, the parties are now formulating a number of principles for the design of the program. Our next steps are to coalesce these preparations into an agreed framework for the program, and to test this through focus group work. These focus groups will include ACT students who would be eligible for such a program and may include those who have undertaken or are undertaking an existing extension course. A meeting is scheduled for mid-February 2020 with the Education Directorate to progress these matters. The process is on track to present for presentation to the Board of Secondary Schools Studies (BSSS) for its consideration in the first half of 2020.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Cox".

Date: 07/02/2020

By Ian Cox, A/g Vice President University Relations & Strategy for Interim Vice Chancellor & President