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**QUESTION ON NOTICE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
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Australian Curriculum

MS BRESNAN - asked the Minister for Education and Training on 20 January 2010.

- (1) You indicate on page 26 that one of the key priorities in the next reporting period is to prepare for the introduction of the Australian curriculum in English, mathematics, science and history from 2011

Can you take us through what is involved in this process and the implications for schools and students?

MR BARR - the answer to Ms Bresnan's question is:

- (1) It is anticipated that in late February 2010, a draft curriculum for the four Phase 1 subjects English, Mathematics, Science and History for years K-10 will be issued for national consultation.

The national consultation for the four Phase 1 subjects will include public consultation in the ACT. A forum will be held in late March 2010 for a wide variety of stakeholders from schools and the community.

Teachers and other stakeholders in the broader education community will be able to review the curriculum and provide feedback online, including the completion of an online survey.

The Department will map the draft Australian curriculum to the ACT curriculum framework, 'Every chance to learn'. The mapping will assist schools and teachers to identify the links from their school curricula. Support and professional development will be provided by the Department from semester 2, 2010, to assist in the transition.

Final versions of the Australian curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History for years 11-12 will be released later in 2010. An implementation timeline will be determined after the finalisation of the K-10 curricula.

Phase 2 subjects are Languages, Geography and the Arts. Decisions on content and implementation will be discussed at the MCEEDYA meeting scheduled in April 2010.

For students, the introduction of an Australian curriculum will provide consistency with national expectations in English, Mathematics, Science and History and will ensure consistent standards of assessment for reporting across Australia.

The introduction of an Australian curriculum over the next few years will allow for improved reporting on learning outcomes.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.

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Minister for Education and Training

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