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Dear Mr Absalom

**RE: PUBLICATION OF *THE SHAPE OF THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM:
LANGUAGES***

I write in reference to your correspondence of 7 October and 13 October 2011 regarding the development of the Australian Curriculum: Languages.

I acknowledge your concerns about the time taken to finalise the Shape of the Australian Curriculum: Languages and am pleased to advise you that the ACARA Board considered the draft languages shape paper at its October meeting. At this meeting the Board asked that some additional detail be added to the document prior to its release in November. The ACARA Board agreed that the *Shape of the Australian Curriculum: Languages* paper should be released, and that work should start on drafting curriculum. In the first instance work will start with Chinese, Italian and the framework for Aboriginal languages and Torres Strait Islander languages.

I trust that this information is of assistance, and I appreciate your interest in and support of the development of the Australian Curriculum: Languages. I look forward to keeping in touch as ACARA proceeds with the development of the languages curriculum.

Yours sincerely



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