

**Question on Notice  
No. 447  
Asked on 15 April 2008**

**MR CRIPPS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (MR WELFORD)— With reference to the current review of the senior English syllabus being undertaken by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA)—

- (1) What data in which specific report(s) or studies has been used as evidence to justify the review and subsequent re-drafting of the senior English syllabus in Queensland?
- (2) Why does the draft review, released on 3 April 2008, have such a short timeline for survey responses to be provided by English teachers (24 April 2008), when normal syllabus reviews are usually lengthy and comprehensive processes?
- (3) Who undertook the drafting of the new 2008 senior English syllabus, what are their qualifications in teaching senior English and what input did English teachers, QSA English panel chairs and English education officers have in this process?

ANSWER:

- (1) The current revision of the *English Senior Syllabus (2002)* is part of the normal scheduled process that the Queensland Studies Authority undertakes for all the syllabuses. *An investigation into the English Senior Syllabus (2002)* was completed in May 2007 to help inform the review.
- (2) The survey, released with the draft syllabus was made available for general consultation on 2 April 2008 and consultation continues until June 2008. The survey return time is not significantly shorter than normal for surveys conducted at this stage of syllabus revision.
- (3) The drafting of the revised syllabus has been undertaken by a writing team consisting of seven members who are experienced and practicing teachers of Senior English and Heads of Department for English. The drafting process has been guided and supported by two officers of the QSA. Both of officers have Senior English teaching experience and one was an English Head of Department at a large state high school until October 2007. Information from the reports of the English State Review Panel from 1997 to 2007 has been used in the construction of the draft.