

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001054

Senator Deborah O'Neill asked on 20 October 2016, Proof Hansard page 101

NAPLAN online (subcontractors)

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Do you have contractual arrangements with somebody like IBM or other subcontractors?

Mr Randall: ESA has the contractual arrangements. The development of the programs is being in part done by an organisation called Janison, and there will be other providers in that. So yes, there are contractual arrangements for the development and the operation of that, but not with IBM, to answer your question.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide some detail on the value of those contracts and the subcontractors?

Mr Randall: Yes, between us we could—unless Mr Cook wants to—

Mr Cook: That would be for the department. We can take that on notice.

Answer

Education Services Australia (ESA) has arrangements with a number of subcontractors for the development of the online national assessment platform that will support NAPLAN online. Subcontractors and the value of their contracts are as follows:

Assessment Platform Component	Subcontractor	Amount (GST excl.)
Assessment Delivery	Janison Solutions Pty Ltd	\$8,730,000
Student Registration and Management	SoNet	\$947,266
Privacy Impact Assessment	Information Integrity Solutions	\$87,500
Assessment Delivery System	Pure Hacking	\$75,000
Platform	PlanIT	\$56,884
Automated Essay Scoring	Pacific Metrics	\$520,000*
Review of platform by Information Security Registered Assessor	HIVINT	\$18,000

* N.B. The Automated Essay Scoring contract amount will vary based on the number of test items and the number of scripts processed for NAPLAN online writing tests.