

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority

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Senator Boyce provided in writing.

Question

ACARA - NAPLAN cheating

Can you detail what action ACARA has taken against educators, students and schools involved in the substantiated instances of cheating?

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

Responsibility for managing (including investigating) test incidents lies with individual schools and/or system authorities, particularly in the case of independent schools. The *Guidelines for Managing Test Incidents* identify basic principles to ensure investigations will maintain test integrity and procedural fairness.

While ACARA has no authority to investigate or take direct action in relation to substantiated cheating (or other) allegations, ACARA does publish a NAPLAN Test Incidents Report at the end of each year on the Authority's website.

This report details the number of allegations of breach of protocols received across jurisdictions (and additional detail around those allegations substantiated). The report is designed to be educative in demonstrating inappropriate actions and behaviours around the implementation of NAPLAN.