

**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 - students exempted from the test

Does ACARA assess all students that are exempted from the test or is the ultimate decision left to the discretion of parents and the respective schools?

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

Criteria for exemption are outlined in the National Protocols for Test Administration (available at www.nap.edu.au). Students meeting the exemption criteria are able to participate in the tests, but may be exempted if signed consent to the exemption is received by the school from the parent or carer prior to the test period.

ACARA is not in a position to assess the merits or otherwise of exemption requests; schools are generally best placed to determine these.