

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

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ACARA - withdrawal rates from NAPLAN test

Question

Senator WRIGHT: Because ACARA will have data about withdrawal rates from the NAPLAN test, I am interested in knowing if the change in withdrawal rates has been higher in any particular state or states.

Mr Randall: I think we have got data in front of us at the national level. If you are asking for us to provide you a state-by-state breakdown, I would take that on notice.

Senator WRIGHT: Thank you. Do you know, off the top of your head, whether it was higher in some states than others?

Dr Rabinowitz: Yes, it has been higher in some states than others.

Senator WRIGHT: Can you tell us which states it was higher in—not necessarily the numbers? Do you know?

Dr Rabinowitz: Certainly in the Northern Territory and in at least one other state, which I do not recall. I will submit that as Mr Randall has suggested.

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority has provided the following response.

The following tables provide figures for percentages of withdrawn students in 2014 for state/territory and each domain, by year level.

2014 Year 3 NAPLAN withdrawal rates	Reading (%)	Writing (%)	Spelling (%)	Grammar & Punctuatio n (%)	Numeracy (%)
NSW	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2
VIC	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7
QLD	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.2
WA	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
SA	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9
TAS	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
ACT	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7
NT	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	2.1

2014 Year 5 NAPLAN withdrawal rates	Reading (%)	Writing (%)	Spelling (%)	Grammar & Punctuatio n (%)	Numeracy (%)
NSW	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
VIC	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1
QLD	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6
WA	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
SA	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9
TAS	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
ACT	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8
NT	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6

2014 Year 7 NAPLAN withdrawal rates	Reading (%)	Writing (%)	Spelling (%)	Grammar & Punctuatio n (%)	Numeracy (%)
NSW	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
VIC	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
QLD	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
WA	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
SA	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
TAS	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
ACT	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8
NT	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

2014 Year 9 NAPLAN withdrawal rates	Reading (%)	Writing (%)	Spelling (%)	Grammar & Punctuatio n (%)	Numeracy (%)
NSW	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
VIC	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0
QLD	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
WA	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
SA	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
TAS	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
ACT	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.8
NT	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3