

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: ACARA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000253**

Senator Wright, Penny asked on 25 February 2015, Hansard page 65

***NAPLAN testing***

**Question**

Senator WRIGHT: So approximately 1,000 students. That was correct for years 3 and 9—around that figure? Percentages do not necessarily mean much. I am just trying to imagine how many students that is.

Dr Rabinowitz: I will get you those numbers.

**Answer**

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

For the 2014 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), there was a slight increase in the percentage of withdrawn students nationally from previous years.

The withdrawal rates across Australia for NAPLAN reading tests are provided below. (Withdrawal rates are similar across content areas.)

NAPLAN Reading 2013 - 2014						
Year level	Number of students withdrawn in 2013	Percentage withdrawn in 2013	Number of students withdrawn in 2014	Percentage withdrawn in 2014	Increase between 2013 to 2014	Difference in percentage
3	6507	2.3	7982	2.7	1475	+0.3
5	4922	1.8	5829	2.1	907	+0.3
7	3569	1.3	4179	1.6	610	+0.3
9	4892	1.7	6680	2.4	1788	+0.7

Participation rates for NAPLAN tests, including withdrawal rates for each test domain (reading, language conventions, numeracy and writing), are published at:

<http://reports.acara.edu.au/Home/Participation>.