

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000418

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

Reporting of national assessments

Question

What progress has been made to report national assessments against minimum, proficient, and advanced standards? (p.15 NERA).

- What is the Department's role in monitoring implementation?
- What are the next steps in implementation?

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is undertaking research and consultation to develop new proficiency standards for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessment. This will include providing advice to education ministers about possible standards.

It is expected that ACARA will provide advice to education ministers during 2017. Agreement to new standards and a timeframe for their implementation and reporting is subject to decision by Education Council. ACARA will only be able to progress this work in accordance with timeframes set by Education Council. The Department of Education and Training is monitoring progress through the Australian Education Senior Officials Committee and associated working groups.