

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

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Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

ACARA - New work

Question

Other than NAPLAN online, what new work is ACARA currently doing?

Answer

The Australian Curriculum Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response:

ACARA has been undertaking work towards National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) online for a number of years and this therefore is not considered new work.

ACARA is undertaking a range of new elements of work, including:

- a project that is part of the Australian Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda which is intended to provide support for disadvantaged schools to implement the *Australian Curriculum: Technologies*
- developing national literacy and numeracy progressions as an element of the Education Council's National Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics school education strategy
- commencing work to add Year 10 to the National Assessment Program sample assessment in Science Literacy (from 2018) as an element of the Education Council's National Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics school education strategy
- research work to investigate possible proficiency standards for NAPLAN.