

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000448

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

ACARA - proficient and advanced standards

Question

Have proficient and advanced standards been endorsed by the Education Council? If not, why not?

Answer

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

Proficient standards for National Assessment Program sample assessments were approved by the Ministerial Council and were in place from 2003.

No proficient standards have been submitted to Education Council for NAPLAN. ACARA is conducting research and development work in accordance with a timeline agreed by key stakeholders. ACARA's approach will take account of feedback from state and territory education authorities that ACARA should assess the impact of the introduction of any new standards, and work closely with stakeholders on how best to manage any change.