

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: ACARA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000454**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***ACARA - equity in NAPLAN online testing***

**Question**

What steps has ACARA taken to ensure equity in NAPLAN online testing?  
How do you provide equity between states, when some states are waiting to 2019 to go online?

**Answer**

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

The paper-based and online NAPLAN tests both assess the same skills in literacy and numeracy taught through curriculum content. Student results will continue to be measured against the one NAPLAN assessment scale, and students will answer the same number of questions that they would in a paper-based test.

Additionally, NAPLAN Online has been designed to ensure the paper and online test modes can be compared in the same year. It has also been developed to ensure NAPLAN 2017 online data can be compared to previous paper tests dating back to 2008, when NAPLAN first began.