

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000462

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

ACARA - NAPLAN online

Question

How much will the move to NAPLAN online over the next three years cost?

Answer

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

ACARA's research and development costs to prepare to deliver NAPLAN online will be around \$8.96 million (excluding GST) across FY15/16 to FY18/19.

ACARA's costs to deliver NAPLAN is projected to be \$8.8 million (excluding GST) for 2017 and 2018 (during the transition) to develop a greater number of items; to conduct additional analysis to take into account the different testlets undertaken by different groups of students; and to "train" the writing marking system. The additional costs also include running parallel (online and paper) systems for two years.

From 2019 and beyond, the per annum cost to ACARA to deliver NAPLAN online is estimated to be \$7.7 million (excluding GST).