

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: ACARA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000463**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***ACARA - First year of school data***

**Question**

The ACARA submission to the Productivity Commission's consideration of the National Education Evidence Base states that entry to schooling (first year of school) data, would be valuable, particularly linked to other national collections. Has ACARA started to look at options for collecting this data?

- What competencies would it test?
- What other national collections would it connect to?
- Would this data be published?
- What are the benefits of this testing?
- What is the cost of this testing?
- Has it been budgeted?
- Has ACARA been funded to look into this?

**Answer**

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

No. ACARA has not been directed by Education Council to undertake activity in this area.