

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000467

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

ACARA - Learning of students with disabilities

Question

What work has ACARA undertaken to develop further measures to assess the progress of learning of students with disabilities?

Answer

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

ACARA has responsibility for the National Assessment Program, including the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), which measures progress of all students within Australian schools, across a range of disciplines.

Adjustments are provided to students with disability to support access to the tests and encourage maximum participation.

While all students are expected to undertake NAPLAN, students with significant intellectual disability and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempted from sitting the national tests. This is determined after consultation has occurred between the principal and the relevant parent/carer, and if it is decided the student is not able to access the tests with adjustments.