

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000304

Senator Wright, Penny asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 57

ACARA: misconduct relating to NAPLAN testing

Question

Senator WRIGHT: So I am clear, then, you are saying that you are not aware of any other incidents with teachers or school workers who have been stood down in other states at this stage?

Mr Randall: No. We are not aware of any.

Senator WRIGHT: I understand that you are not saying it has not happened. You are just not aware of it. But you did say, Dr Rabinowitz, that you have received a handful of calls. How many calls have you received?

Dr Rabinowitz: I do not know the exact number. I would say it is five plus or minus over the entire three-day window.

Senator WRIGHT: Can I ask you to take that on notice and confirm that figure?

Answer

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response.

During the week prior to NAPLAN test week and the week of NAPLAN testing (4 - 15 May 2015) ACARA received a total of seven phone calls relating to potential test incidents.

As per the agreed protocols, the 2015 test incident allegations are currently under investigation by the relevant authorities within each state/territory.