

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000312

Senator Wright, Penny asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 72

ACARA: online testing

Question

Senator WRIGHT: What do you mean by practice?

Dr Rabinowitz: Before we put the test online for real in 2017, there will be spaces for teachers and students to practise both the technology and the type of items. That is part of the ESA's plan in building the platform. There will be a space set up for practice. We will have sample items available. We are very comfortable that those who move online in 2017 will be able to both use the technology and access the items that are part of the assessment.

Senator WRIGHT: So you said that 90 per cent currently, from surveys you have done, have a level of access to the technology that is required. That is not the same as what I wrote down. Is that correct? I do not want to misquote you. I thought you said that your surveys have suggested that 90 per cent currently.

Dr Rabinowitz: We have seen some evidence of that, yes.

Mr Randall: We will give you the source of that. It is some data we got back from our NAP sample assessment, where we asked some questions about it. So if you are happy, I will take that on notice so we provide you with the full context of that statement.

Answer

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

ACARA's advice was drawn from a yet to be published report that includes data gathered during the 2014 NAP information and communication technology literacy sample assessments. The *2014 NAP ICTL public report* has not yet been finalised.

This report along with corresponding data will be available from early October 2015 and will be publicly available on the NAP website at: www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/national-reports.html