

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Senator Wright, Penny asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 84

ACARA: NAPLAN test papers

Question

Mr Randall: The tests are collected up, sent to the TAA for marking and are marked there. I do not think anyone returns the tests back to the schools at the current time. I think they are kept by the test administration authorities. But I will double-check that and get back to you to confirm it. My understanding is that they are bundled up and sent to the test administration authority. Therefore, schools do not get them.

Senator WRIGHT: And do you know, then—you may not know—whether parents are able to request tests themselves either from the school, if they get them, or from the authority?

Mr Randall: Again, we will check that. In principle, if a parent wanted it, maybe there are some ways to do that. I will take that on notice just so we give you an accurate answer.

Answer

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

Test administration authorities (TAAs) within each state and territory are responsible for the collection and marking of National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test papers and reporting of individual student and school results.

It is ACARA's understanding that test administration authorities do not routinely make completed test papers available to parents.

Test administration authorities provide schools with information on their NAPLAN results, in addition to the standard individual student reports. The content of this reporting varies from state-to-state, however, it is ACARA's understanding that some states do provide schools with student responses to tests (but not necessarily the completed papers).