

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA)**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0612\_15**

**Senator O'Neill asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 28**

**Question**

**ACARA: NAPLAN**

Senator O'NEILL: One of the reasons for the shift to online NAPLAN testing was not just to provide a richer and more similar challenging experience for students at different levels of capacity but to provide a more timely return of information to the teachers and the parents so that it might begin to approach being diagnostic. At the moment, it is a deliberative statement about capacity that is very much removed from when the test occurs and when the result comes back. In plain talk, if teachers were relying on the NAPLAN to do their diagnostic analysis of their own students, they would have wasted five months. They need to be able to do this much more timely. With the inability to deliver online testing in 2016, what is that going to do to improving the diagnostic capacity of this test?

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Senator O'NEILL: What is the best this year?

Mr Randall: I would need to check that, but I think one state got close you issuing individual student reports within 12 or 13 weeks after the completion of testing.

**Answer**

ACARA has provided the following response.

In 2014, ACARA released the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) summary information (preliminary results) approximately four weeks earlier than in previous years. As a result of this and the efforts of state and territory Test Administration Authorities (TAAs), Individual Student Reports (ISRs) were distributed between two and four weeks earlier than in previous years in some states and territories as detailed in the table below:

<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>ISR delivery into schools</b>	<b>Week number since tests</b>
ACT	1 to 5 September	Week 15
NSW	1 to 5 September	Week 15
Northern Territory	1 to 5 September	Week 15
Queensland	From 12 August	Week 12/13
South Australia	28 August to 3 September	Week 14
Tasmania	1 to 5 September	Week 15
Victoria	1 to 5 September	Week 15
Western Australia	25 to 29 August	Week 14