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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority

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Question

ACARA NAPLAN Testing Used For Basis Of Admission To State Schools

Senator MASON: Because sometimes the issues cut across, as you know, both the department and ACARA. Let us see how we go, and if you cannot answer them perhaps I can give them to ACARA on notice. Just a number of questions about NAPLAN results being used as a basis for admission to certain state schools. It has become a bit of an issue, apparently. Schools are asking for NAPLAN results for students from out of the area if they want to go into a certain area. I realise it is a matter for state departments of education, but I wonder if I can get a little information about it. Does anyone know how widespread this practice is?

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

ACARA is responsible for the provision of data to the jurisdictions for purpose of producing individual student reports. ACARA also produces an annual National Report on the NAPLAN program.

As noted in Senator Mason's question, the use of individual student reports is a matter for schools or school systems to monitor and regulate in each state and territory. Consequently, ACARA has no information on how widespread the practice is.