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Question

**ACARA NAPLAN - Treatment Of Shalvey Primary School Where Test Results
Were Stolen**

Senator MASON: Shalvey Primary School in Sydney, from the Sydney Morning Herald, Thursday, 19 May 2011. Regrettably, at that school their tests were stolen after the students had taken the test, so I was going to ask how will the results be treated by ACARA. I only ask because the president of the New South Wales Teachers Association, Mr Lipscombe, believes a different test result won't produce comparable results. Dr Bruniges: That would be a question for ACARA. Senator MASON: Let me ask that of ACARA. Can I ask then how ACARA will treat the results of the students that had their initial NAPLAN tests stolen? I do not think we have got to the bottom of that. 'The police were called' et cetera, 'Minister, this is terrible,' but I do not think we have discovered where the tests have ended up. Anyway, if ACARA will answer that, that will be terrific. Thank you, Minister. Thank you, officers.

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

ACARA has worked with the NSW Department of Education and Communities and Shalvey Primary School to make alternate arrangements for the students NAPLAN testing.

ACARA is in the process of finalising results and can confirm nationally comparable results will be achieved for Shalvey Primary School through an equating process.