

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Outcome** 2

**DEEWR Question No.** EW442\_10

Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

**Question**

*Publication of NAPLAN information on the ACARA website*

In the interests of transparency and accountability will ACARA publish information about the reliability and validity of the tests, including the margins of error associated with comparisons between schools, school year levels, classes and individual students?

**Answer**

Protocols for school data collection and reporting agreed by Education Ministers on 12 June 2009 support meaningful and comparable data reporting and the responsible use of information, including active communication about proper interpretation of data and making fair comparisons.

The new national website being developed and managed through ACARA will publish data at the school level and information will be available on the site about how to interpret the data, including confidence intervals for NAPLAN tests.

Information on classes and individual students will not be published on the ACARA website.