

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**DEEWR Question No.**            **EW736\_10**

Senator Mason asked on 22 October 2009, EEWR Hansard page 94.

**Question**

*Participation rates in NAPLAN*

**Senator MASON**—So you would not know yet what percentage of schools had a participation rate that decreased by 10 per cent or more?

**Dr Bruniges**—No, Senator.

**Senator MASON**—Can you tell us in December?

**Dr Bruniges**—Yes. We would have done the analysis at that point.

**Senator MASON**—Can you take that on notice?

**Answer**

The full 2009 NAPLAN Report will be released on 18 December 2009 and will provide participation rates at national, state and territory levels and students from Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds.

When the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) publishes school information on the new national website, each school profile will provide information on the NAPLAN participation rates for the school for each year level. This will include the percentage of students participating in NAPLAN, the percentage of students with exemptions and the percentage of students absent from the test (including those withdrawn by parent request). The national figures for these indicators will also be shown. It is expected that this information will be available on the national website early in 2010.