

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Hurley (L&C 59) asked:

To get back to some accountability issues, we were talking about the board role, and we were talking previously about best practice and so on. Has there been any attempt to develop or define best practice in test design and administration?

Answer:

NAATI provided the Department with the following response:

“Following the Cook Report (A Review of NAATI Administrative Processes Related to Testing Including Quality Control Processes) and the current stage of the Slatyer Research (NAATI Rater Reliability Study), NAATI is reviewing its test design and administration against the Code of Fair Testing Practices in Education (Revised in 2004). NAATI already complies with the majority of items in the code.”