

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000022

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 16 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 28

ACARA: Publication of data on My School

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Okay. Now that you are tasked with how this information will be shared with the public through My School, what exactly will be published?

Mr Randall: That is some work we are working on at the moment. Internal work is going on about how we can best represent that. Again, I will take that on notice and when we next meet I will be in a position. We have been asked to prepare that advice. I would be getting ahead of myself to put it here today. Noting the points that Mr Cook has made, internal work is going on; through to council. I we have not resolved it, so I am not in a position to be able to answer that question at the moment.

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response.

- Up to now the Australian Government Department of Education and Training has been responsible for managing collection of data on students with disability. ACARA has not collected and does not hold these data.
- At the 28 October and 15 December 2015 Joint Working Group on Reform for Students with Disability (JWG) meetings, it was agreed that ACARA should explore options for presenting SWD data on *My School* and prepare a budget proposal to enable ACARA to undertake the scoping work.
- ACARA submitted a proposal to the JWG on 17 February 2016 with a timeline and resource request for ACARA to investigate how the SWD data could be presented on the *My School* website and to consult with stakeholders and interested parties.
- JWG members at the 17 February 2016 meeting accepted ACARA's proposal.
- No content or format options have been developed for the publication of SWD data on the *My School* website at this very early stage in the process

Also refer to Question Nos. SQ16-000025 and SQ16-000021