

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Agency: ACARA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000800**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ17-000427*

***ACARA: release of 2014 report on schooling***

**Question**

Why has the 2014 report on schooling only been released recently? Why did it take two full years after the end of the 2014 schools year to release the report?

**Answer**

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

ACARA aims to publish the Annual National Report on Schooling (ANR) at the end of the year following the reporting year, once all required data is available at the national level for reporting.

However, drafting and approval of the ANR is subject to extensive and often lengthy approval processes, including the requirement for unanimous approval by Australian Government and state and territory education senior officials and ministers.

Approval of the National Report on Schooling 2014 was also delayed because of the development, consultation and approval process for the inaugural National Report on Schooling Data Portal. For 2014 on, the ANR reporting process includes an Annual Report and a Data Portal which is updated with the latest available data biannually.

The National Report on Schooling in Australia 2014 and inaugural National Report on Schooling Data Portal were approved and delivered together in May, 2017.

Decisions about the new ANR arrangements will result in more timely publication of national school data.