

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000807

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

ACARA: - NAPLAN online trial concerns by South Australian and Queensland

Question

After South Australia and Queensland withdrew from the NAPLAN online trial, what measures were taken to address the concerns they had raised?

Answer

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

The Online Assessment Working Group (OAWG) of the Australian Education Senior Officials Committee has responsibility for the transition to NAPLAN online. OAWG has conducted a post incident review and has agreed on actions to be taken in the lead up to NAPLAN 2018.

For areas within ACARA's responsibilities (ie, test content), ACARA has reviewed its processes leading up to NAPLAN online 2017 and, as it does with each NAPLAN cycle, made improvements based on stakeholder feedback and its own internal reviews. It should be noted that the test content was not a concern raised by jurisdictions for withdrawing from NAPLAN online 2017.