

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000825

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

ACARA: NAPLAN online - advice from Digital Transformation Agency

Question

Did ACARA contact the Digital Transformation Agency to get advice on the rollout of NAPLAN online?

Did ACARA contact the Digital Transformation Agency when it became apparent that there were issues with the rollout of NAPLAN online? If not, why not?

Answer

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

ACARA and Education Services Australia have been working closely and consulting extensively with the Australian government and all states and territories on the transition to NAPLAN Online since 2012, prior to the establishment of the Digital Transformation Agency in mid-2015.

While the Digital Transformation Agency has central oversight of the Australian Government's ICT agenda and its role includes wide-ranging responsibilities to help lead transformation across government, the Agency is not involved in remediating IT projects. Issues identified by jurisdictions prior to NAPLAN 2017 are being addressed in collaboration with the Australian Government, Education Services Australia and all states and territories as preparation for the move to NAPLAN online continues.