

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000838

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ17-000426

ACARA: National Schooling Report 2013

Question

In SQ17-000426, ACARA stated that part 7 of the National Schooling Report for 2013 is “going through an extensive approval process.” Who has not approved this Chapter for release? Why not? Why has four years lapsed and the 2013 National Report for schooling still has not been finalized?

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 are available at the national level for reporting.

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

The establishment of the National Report on Schooling Data Portal now ensures more timely publication of national school data. The portal currently includes 2015 data and will shortly be updated with available 2016 data.

Historically, education ministers have approved the progressive publication of sections of the report. Part 7 is the final section of the 2013 report yet to be published.

The delays in the approval of the 2014 report had flow on effects to further delay the approval of Part 7 2013. Subject to the review process, we anticipate that Part 7 2013 will be published in September 2017.