

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: ACARA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000817**

Senator O'Neill, Deborah provided in writing.

***ACARA - My School website data***

**Question**

1. Is ACARA working toward publishing data on the My School website in 2016 in relation to students with disability at each school?
2. How is that progressing? When do you expect to get that data? What exactly will be published? Number of students? Level of funding associated with students with disability?
3. Is there a decision on when the My School site will be updated in 2016? Around February as in previous years?
4. Did Education Ministers agree on a plan for the publication of this data? Have they agreed on any other changes to the parameters published on the My School website? What are those changes and when will they take effect?

**Answer**

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

- 1 – 2. The Australian Government Department of Education and Training has conducted the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) for 2015. ACARA is currently in discussion with the department to explore how students with disability (SWD) data might be published on *My School*.
3. The *My School* website will be updated in late February or the first half of March 2016, as has been the case for the past few years.
4. Education Council has indicated its support for publication of SWD data on *My School* but has not agreed a specific plan on publication of these data at this stage. Education Council has endorsed ACARA's initial advice about a proposed approach to making enhancements to *My School* following the review of *My School* commissioned by the Australian Government.