

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

**GAP BETWEEN INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS STUDENTS IN NAPLAN
RESULTS**

Is the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students the same across all the geo-locations, or do, for example, Indigenous students perform closer to non-Indigenous students in metropolitan areas than they do in very remote areas?

Answer

The gap between the percentage of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students at or above national minimum standards in 2009 is not the same across all geo-locations.

The gap as measured for national reporting is the difference between the proportion of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students achieving at or above the national minimum standard.

The national minimum standard is the second band for each year level – Band2 for year 3, Band 4 at year 5, Band 5 for year 7 and Band 6 for year 9.

The gap is similar for students in metropolitan and provincial locations across all year levels and areas assessed, but greater for remote and greater still for very remote students.

This pattern is reflected in the results for all year levels and areas assessed.

The 2009 NAPLAN report provides data on a number of sub groups, including Indigenous status. Comprehensive NAPLAN results are available in the National Report at www.naplan.edu.au.