

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No. EW1012_12

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

NAPLAN

"Refer to AAP and The Age stories about NAPLAN cheating. A report on NAPLAN reportedly found 54 substantiated cases of cheating or other breaches during the tests in May 2011. 14 breaches were reportedly in NSW, the most nationally. How many cheating cases were in regional, rural or remote schools state by state and nationally? NOTE: This issue was raised with ACARA however not this question specifically.

<http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/national/12636475/naplan-pressures-encourage-cheats-expert/>

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/schools-found-cheating-on-national-tests-20120117-1q4lm.html>

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

Under agreed protocols with states and territories (which are responsible for administering the NAPLAN tests within their jurisdictions), ACARA does not collect or hold geo-location details (or other identifying details) for schools reported for breaches of National Protocols for Test Administration.