

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

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Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority

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Question

ACARA - NAPLAN (allegations of cheating)

Senator MASON: When states and territories set and administer the tests, are you aware of any allegations of cheating? Dr. Hill: I do not have any information about that. I actually was not in Australia when this was happening, so I do not have any personal corporate memory of it. I do not know whether Mr Adams does. CHAIR: It definitely was not you, Dr Hill. Senator MASON: Do you, gentlemen—Mr Randall or Mr Adams? Prior to September 2008, when we had examinations administered by state and territory governments, were there allegations of cheating? Mr Adams: That would be a question we would have to ask states and territories because we do not have information on that. I imagine that it would exist, but it is not part of our data because it predates our involvement. Anecdotally, I would have thought the answer would be yes, but we do not have data on that. That would be state and territory based. Senator MASON: If you can get it for the committee, that would be great. I

Answer

ACARA has provided the following response.

ACARA has requested from the states and territories information on allegations of cheating prior to 2008. Advice received is that no systematic records of cheating were kept in the years before 2008.