

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

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**Question**

**NAPLAN - ANNUAL REPORT ON SCHOOLING**

Senator CROSSIN—So I guess that my question to you is: is that comparable data now going in the annual report on schooling? Dr Bruniges—Yes, it will. It will go into the annual report on schooling and it will also go on to the My School website.

Senator CROSSIN—Except that the annual report I am talking about tracked trends in VET and higher education schooling and also trends in each of the specific Indigenous education programs, such as IEDA, for example, when it existed. Dr Bruniges—I will have to take that on notice and find out for you. I am not aware of that at all. Ms Paul—It will have changed, obviously, because of the change to the federal financial regulations; but, nonetheless, that is a particularly good question.

Senator CROSSIN—This is probably not the right time to ask questions about your PaCE Program. Was that earlier? Ms Paul—Yes, it probably was. I do not think it is under national partnerships, I am afraid. We are happy to take something on notice.

**Answer**

National Reports to Parliament on Indigenous Education and Training required under the *Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000* have provided analysis of data for each of the preschool, school, VET and higher education sectors.

The last National Report to Parliament on Indigenous Education and Training was tabled in 2008 and covered the 2006 calendar year. Similar reports are due for 2007 and 2008 and both reports are in the final stages of development. The timeframe for preparation of these reports is typically long, as it is essential that the wide range of data is collected and appropriately verified as it becomes available. Preparation of the 2007 report required additional verification and review steps to align it with new 'Closing the Gap' reporting and data sources arising under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement.

As a result of changes to the Act made in 2008 the nature of the reporting requirement for future reports has changed significantly and is limited to payments and performance information under agreements under the Act.