

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Agency - Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0094\_13**

**Senator Boyce provided in writing.**

**Question**

**ACARA - NAPLAN lobby groups**

How is ACARA responding to parent and teachers lobby groups such as "Say no to NAPLAN" which are campaigning for boycotts of the test?

**Answer**

*ACARA has provided the following response.*

Advice received from jurisdictions is that this lobbying campaign had minimal impact, if any, on 2012 participation rates.

Once the 2012 NAPLAN data becomes available, ACARA will review participation rates with previous years to determine if there is any decline in participation.