

**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. EW0099\_13**

**Senator Boyce provided in writing.**

**Question**

**ACARA - breaches of security**

What is ACARA's "action plan" for dealing with breaches of security for the Writing Test?

**Answer**

*ACARA has provided the following response.*

ACARA has developed a risk management strategy, in consultation with jurisdictions, should the Writing Test become compromised either through the topic or the question becoming publicly available. Jurisdictions have advised that any risk strategies identified should not place additional logistical or financial burden on schools. The risk strategy employed at any given time will depend on the extent of the security breach (e.g. nationwide, individual school level), and it is the responsibility of the relevant test administration authority in each jurisdiction to manage any breaches.