

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

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

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No. EW0138_13

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

2.6 NAPLAN

"(1) Is there data available to indicate the percentage of absentees at NSW schools on the various days of NAPLAN testing? In comparison to the level of absentees, on average, on non testing days? (2) Can this data be further broken down to show the level of absentees for the various geolocation classifications: Metropolitan, Provincial, Remote and Very Remote on each of the NAPLAN test days for 2011 and 2012 compared to non test days? (3) Is there further information of how many of these students were able to make tests up on later days? "

Answer

- (1) Data on the percentage of student absences for NAPLAN testing by state and territory by domain are published in the NAPLAN National Report each year. Reading and Numeracy are tested on separate days, while Language Conventions and Writing tests are held on the same day. This data does not include data on absenteeism for non-testing days.
- (2) No.
- (3) The Australian, Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response:
ACARA does not hold the information requested. Students are marked either as participating, or absent – the data sets do not discriminate as to when they participated (i.e. on the test day or in a make-up session).