

**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. EW0316\_13**

**Senator Marshall asked on 30 May 2012 , Hansard page 8**

**Question**

**ACARA - Letters**

CHAIR: Can you point me to where these letters are on your website? You do not have to do it now. Mr Adams: We will take that on notice.

**Answer**

*ACARA has provided the following response.*

There is no test withdrawal form or letter on any ACARA hosted website. The management of NAPLAN test participation, including withdrawals is a jurisdiction responsibility.

ACARA's *National Protocols for Test Administration* (the 'Protocols') set out the responsibilities of the Test Administration Authorities. Section 3.2.4 of the Protocols states that TAAs will collect authorisation for, among other things, student withdrawals from testing (signed by parents/carer) in a manner that suits them. They go on to further state that "A formal notification in the manner specified by the TAA must be received by the principal prior to the testing". ACARA is aware that three jurisdictions do provide such letters on their websites.