

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome 2

DEEWR Question No. EW441_10

Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

Validity of comparing the results between the 2008 and 2009 NAPLAN tests

What research has been done or has been commissioned comparing the 2008 and 2009 NAPLAN results to determine the validity of the results and specifically the magnitude of change in achievement?

Answer

To ensure that it is valid to compare 2009 results with 2008 results, an equating process is carried out. Equating is the means by which the current year's tests can be placed on the same scales as previous years and provides comparability between test years.

In 2009, equating tests were developed so that future tests can be put on the same scale as previous years.