

TERMS OF REFERENCE

SENATE INQUIRY - NAPLAN TESTING

That the following matters be referred to the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations References Committee for inquiry and report by 13 August 2010:

- (a) The conflicting claims made by the Government, educational experts and peak bodies in relation to the publication of NAPLAN testing;
- (b) The implementation of possible safeguards and protocols around the public presentation of the testing and reporting data
- (c) The impact of the NAPLAN assessment and reporting regime on:
 - i. The educational experience and outcomes for Australian students
 - ii. The scope, innovation and quality of teaching practice
 - iii. The quality and value of information about student progress provided to parents and principals
 - iv. The quality and value of information about individual schools to parents, principals and the general community
- (d) International approaches to the publication of comparative reporting of the results ie 'league tables';
- (e) other related matters