

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Education:

ESL Naplan testing

Why are children in the Intensive English Units in the beginning and emerging phases of ESL exempt from sitting NAPLAN and the students in my electorate – many who fit this same profile are not exempt?

ANSWER

The National Protocols released by Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) outline the rules regarding exemptions that apply to all jurisdictions. Any questions regarding the decision making processes would need to be directed to [ACARA](#).

For students in an Intensive English Unit the following protocol is referenced:

5.2.2 English language proficiency

Students with a language background other than English, who arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test, should be given an opportunity to participate in testing, but may be exempted.

[\(ACARA, NAPLAN, National protocols for test administration 2018 page 9 and 10\)](#)