

Question on Notice
No. 615
Asked on 25 March 2010

Dr Flegg asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister list individually any schools with less than full participation on the days of NAPLAN testing in 2009 and provide comparative attendance rates for the same schools during NAPLAN testing in 2008?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

Queensland has one of the highest NAPLAN participation rates in Australia.

We encourage all students to participate in the tests and Queensland's high participation rates indicate that parents also value the information that these tests provide about the literacy and numeracy performance of our students.

Attendance rates and the NAPLAN participation rates for 2008 and 2009 are published on the *MySchool* website for both Government and non-Government schools.

The NAPLAN participation rates and attendance rates are available at on the MySchool website: <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>

We know that there is a strong relationship between attendance and achievement and the Government's *Every Day Counts* strategy aims to boost student achievement through higher attendance.