

Question on Notice

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MR D PEGG ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update in relation to the next stage of Queensland's NAPLAN evaluation?

ANSWER:

Queensland has been participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for 10 years. This period has seen significant changes in Queensland's education system and society more broadly.

The Palaszczuk Government has commissioned a review of NAPLAN in the Queensland context. The review is considering the contribution NAPLAN makes to enabling Queensland students to reach their full potential and the role it plays in school and system improvement.

The public responded very strongly to the first stage of the review, which focused on parent views. Over 7500 online survey responses were received and four community focus groups were held across Queensland.

The second stage of Queensland's NAPLAN review is now underway, with the Australian Catholic University selected to lead this vital component of the review.

The second stage of the review is focused on seeking the views of principals, teachers, students and key education stakeholders across all three schooling sectors.

The feedback provided through online surveys, interviews and focus groups will be critical to ensuring we gain a better understanding of the impacts of NAPLAN on teaching and learning in Queensland.

The final report from Queensland's NAPLAN review is anticipated by the end of October 2018. Queensland will continue to call for a comprehensive national review of NAPLAN to ensure it is meeting its objectives, particularly given recent reports about data issues and ongoing concerns with results in the Writing strand.