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Communiqué

Development of an independent National Evidence Institute

Education Council gave in-principle support to the scope and focus of a National Evidence Institute. The National School Reform Agreement sets out eight National Policy Initiatives, including a commitment to establish an independent national evidence institute to inform teacher practice, system improvement and policy development.

The new institute will have a practitioner-focus supporting better practice in schools and early learning settings.

This work will be progressed through 2019 with options regarding the operating model, type of entity and funding to be presented to Council for consideration in mid-late 2019.

NAPLAN data reporting on My School

Education Council agreed on the content and form of the 2018 NAPLAN results to be published on the My School website. As 2018 represented the first year of transition to NAPLAN Online, My School will include information on NAPLAN results as in previous years, with school mean and student gain data presented for schools that undertook NAPLAN Online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will work with states and territories to finalise the presentation of this data on My School.

Ministers noted that the *Review of NAPLAN Data Reporting* led by Emeritus Professor Bill Loudon, is due for consideration in June 2019.

ACECQA Board Appointments

Education Council made a number of appointments to the Board of the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). Ministers were pleased to appoint current member Professor Ann Farrell to the position of Deputy Chair of the Board. Appointed for their first terms were Mr Selwyn Button, Dr Anne Glover AO and Ms Sandra Janene Lambert AM.

Mr Button's appointment is effective from 25 February 2019, while Professor Farrell, Dr Glover and Ms Lambert's appointments take effect from 11 March 2019.

ACARA Board Appointment

Education Council agreed to the appointment of Mr Tony Luttrell to the Board of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Ministers were pleased to support Mr Luttrell as Tasmania's nominee to the Board.

Mr Luttrell's appointment will now progress to final approval under the Australian Government appointment process.