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Dear Mr Pryor,

Thank you for your letter of 12 May 2011. A recent audit of our correspondence revealed your letter has not yet received a response, and for this I do apologise.

ACARA recognises the important work of the Mathematical Association of Victoria (the MAV) in assisting schools to improve students' skills in numeracy.

I can advise that the *National Protocols for Test Administration* do not permit the use of NAPLAN data for purposes other than current national, jurisdictional, school and student reporting. Reporting in states and territories also involves the inclusion of NAPLAN data and test items in analytical programs and applications supporting post-test use.

Current practices are regarded by state and territory assessment authorities to be appropriate and consistent with the nature and purpose of NAPLAN.

ACARA in consultation with the Australian Government and state and territory assessment authorities are continuing to explore options for technology assisted assessment. The work of MAV in this area will remain of interest to ACARA in these explorations.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Adams

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