

NAPLAN — COMPUTER-BASED ASSESSMENTS

**238. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Minister for Education and Training:**

With the transition of NAPLAN to computer-based assessments that use adaptive testing —

- (1) Does the government concede tests will now no longer be standardised?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), does the government concede that NAPLAN will no longer perform its function?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) If yes to (3), will the government consider scrapping NAPLAN and spending the costs saved on funding evidence-based initiatives in classrooms that will raise student outcomes in literacy and numeracy since NAPLAN has evidently failed to do so?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No.
- (2) The NAPLAN Online tests can still be considered standardised tests as they are administered under the same conditions and scored in a way that makes it possible to compare the performances of individual or groups of students using a single scale.
- (3)–(5) Not applicable.