

*The following text and the table of contracts below will be uploaded to the ACARA website once approved by the ACARA CEO and/or the Board*

## **Meeting the Senate Order on Departmental and Agency Contracts**

On 20 June 2001, the Senate made an order requiring Ministers to twice a year table letters of advice that all *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* agencies, now non-corporate Commonwealth entities, they administer had placed lists of its contracts on the internet. Letters would refer to contracts (and contract listings) from the respective preceding calendar or financial year. Contract listings would include contracts valued at or above \$100,000 (GST inclusive), along with details relating to each of those contracts. This Senate Order is called the Senate Order on Entity Contracts and is also known as the *Murray Motion*.

The Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration (the Committee) has conducted a number of inquiries into the operation of the Senate Order and as a consequence, on occasion amended the Senate Order. One of the outcomes of the Committee's 2014 inquiry is that from 1 July 2017 this listing is to include an assurance by the relevant accountable authority that the listed contracts do not contain any inappropriate confidentiality provisions. The application of the Senate Order was also broadened to include corporate Commonwealth entities such as ACARA from 1 July 2017.

**Note:** The contracts listed in the Senate Order contain confidentiality provisions of a general nature that are designed to protect the confidential information of the parties that may be obtained or generated in carrying out the contract. The *Privacy Act 1988* and other statutory secrecy provisions apply to agency contracts.

Contractor	Subject matter	Amount of consideration	Start date	Anticipated end date	Whether contract contains provisions requiring the parties to maintain confidentiality of any of its provisions (Y/N)	Reason(s)	Whether contract contains 'Other requirements of confidentiality' (Y/N)	Reason(s)
Pacific Metrics Corporation	Cross-prompt generic scoring of NAPLAN writing 2018-2020	\$373,309.20	20/07/2017	31/12/2019	N		N	
Pacific Metrics Corporation	Automated scoring of constructed responses for NAP Science Literacy 2018	\$289,840.10	20/07/2017	31/12/2019	N		N	
Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd	NAP Science Literacy 2018 Pilot Study – Test Administration and Analysis	\$203,475.00	10/08/2017	31/12/2017	N		N	
Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd	NAPLAN 2018 paper equating administration	\$585,935.90	24/08/2017	30/06/2018	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing information)	N	
Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd	NAPLAN 2017 National Report	\$217,580.00	15/09/2017	31/01/2018	N		N	
Readify Pty Ltd	Redevelopment of the MySchool website for 2018	\$433,906.00	13/09/2017	09/03/2018	N		N	

UNSW Global Pty Ltd	National assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2019 Item Development – Reading	\$384,733.80	30/10/2017	01/06/2018	N		N	
UNSW Global Pty Ltd	NAPLAN item development 2018 - Language Conventions	\$200,758.80	24/11/2017	30/06/2018	N		N	
Alpha Consulting	NAPLAN information campaign	\$141,900.00	13/12/17	30/04/18	N		N	
Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd	NAPLAN 2019 item development Numeracy parcel 2	\$182,457.00	18/12/17	30/06/18	N		N	
National Foundation for Educational Research	NAPLAN 2019 item development Numeracy Parcel 1	\$210,308.00	18/12/17	30/06/18	N		N	

### **Cost of complying with this order**

Cost of complying with current order: approximately \$1,500.00

Basis of methodology used to estimate the cost of compliance: Salaries for the time spent by staff on data collection, quality assurance, management and administrative support.