

**To:** Morning Report (Radio New Zealand)

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NZQA fully acknowledges the impact this year's MCAT has had on schools and students, and that in this instance our communication with schools was not adequate.

The assessment itself was set by an experienced panel, however NZQA's standard communication to schools, through the use of the school circular, was in this case not enough to ensure schools were well informed. We will work with teachers and schools to ensure future information meets their needs and this doesn't happen again.

From here our focus is on supporting schools and on the marking process. We are responding to all communications.

Our usual range of support is available to assist schools, including email support and a number markers can call. The marking schedule (checked against student results) has been released and marking is proceeding as expected.