Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Question

Progress on One Laptop Per Child

Senator MASON: Last estimates we discussed the one-laptop-per-child program. In response to a question taken on notice, EW0993_13, I was informed that as at 3 March this year 889 laptops had been distributed. Are you able to tell the committee how many have been distributed since then and how many in total under the program? Ms Bloor: I do not have updated figures. We can see if there is an update and get that to you. We have implementation plans from One Laptop Per Child Australia that envisage a marked increase in their rollout in the second half of this year. Senator MASON: Do you have a progress report? Ms Bloor: I would have to take that on notice. I don't have it with me.

Answer

As at 31 May 2013, the total number of laptops distributed was 1691. Between 3 March and 31 May 2013, 802 laptops were distributed. One Laptop Per Child Australia Ltd provides the Department with monthly progress reports. The figures provided reflect the May Monthly Progress Report.