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Senator Nash asked on 20 February 2008, EEWR Proof Hansard page 23.

Question

Digital Education Revolution

Senator NASH—I am happy for you to take my two final questions on notice, because I recognise that they might be a bit difficult. Parochially, for New South Wales, could you provide the committee with a list of schools that currently are not fibre enabled? Also—and I realise it is hypothetical, because you do not know because we have not started and you will not know what to do until we actually get going—could you come back to the committee with what kinds of technologies you will be providing for those schools where fibre cannot be enabled?

Ms Paul—We can take that on notice.

Answer

The Australian Government is developing a partnership with the states and territories under through the Council of Australian Governments to implement the Digital Education Revolution and the information sought is a matter for the NSW Government Department of Education and Training.

The Government's policy is that schools in remote areas will receive a standard of service which, depending on available technologies such as fixed line, wireless and satellite, will be as close as possible to the standard provided by the National Broadband Network.