

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Brown provided in writing.

Question

P21 PROGRAM

Under the P21 program what projects are being funded at campuses which are part of the Exclusive Brethren's GlenvaleSchool in Victoria? What is the construction timetable for these projects? Is there a requirement for these schools to have a roadside sign in front of the school advising that it is a project funded as part of the Building the Education Revolution program? Has the school requested or been given an exemption from the requirement set out in the BER guidelines that the new facilities or existing school facilities be made available for use by the public? How many schools have been given or requested an exemption from that requirement? Please give their names.

Answer

Under P21, GlenvaleSchool - Swan Hill Centre is receiving \$800,000 for a multipurpose hall and the GlenvaleSchool – Bendigo Centre campus is receiving \$1.2 million for library refurbishment.

DEEWR has been advised by the Victorian Independent Schools Block Grant Authority that the construction time for these projects is as follows:

Multipurpose Hall- Swan Hill Centre: Start 31/7/09- Completion date- 31/3/10

Library refurbishment– Bendigo Centre campus: Start 31/7/09- Completion date- 30/4/10

There is a requirement specified in the guidelines for these schools to have a roadside sign in front of the school advising that it is a project funded as part of the BER program.

The GlenvaleSchool has not been granted an exemption from BER requirements for community access.

DEEWR has not received any requests from Australian schoolsfor exemptions under the BER Guidelines to provide community access to facilities funded under the BER.