

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Payne asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 79.

Question

ELC COMPONENT - BER

Senator PAYNE—I have questions across a few areas here, but some concern the National Quality Agenda and some are about the sorts of entities that we have. The preschools themselves did not come under the BER program, did they?

Ms Paul—There was the link to early learning centres—

Senator PAYNE—How many?

Ms Paul—so there is some construction under the BER of early learning centres on school sites.

Senator PAYNE—Are they the EELC component?

Ms Paul—Maybe. We will get you that number. The BER people are still here. I do not have the number with me personally, but we can certainly get it easily for you.

Senator PAYNE—I am happy for that question to be taken on notice. I want to know how many were part of that program and what the funding arrangements were there.

Answer

Under the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* element of the Building the Education Revolution, 221 Early Learning Centres have been approved for construction or refurbishment, totalling \$317 million. This information is as at 31 December 2009.