

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0884\_11**

**Senator Macdonald provided in writing.**

**Question**

**WERE SCHOOL HALLS IN QLD BUILT TO CATEGORY FIVE CYCLONE  
RATING?**

a) Were 'School Halls' constructed using Building the Education Revolution funding in Central Queensland, North Queensland and Far North Queensland built to a category five cyclone rating? b) If not, why not? c) If any were so constructed, please identify them.

**Answer**

(a), (b) State and territory education authorities are responsible for ensuring buildings constructed under the BER program meet relevant building standards.

The Queensland Department of Education and Training has advised that all departmental buildings are constructed to meet the standards of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) current at the time of building approval. All BER projects in Queensland, including halls, are compliant with the BCA and facilities are built to withstand elements common to their particular location in the state.