

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No. EW0146_11

Senator Xenophon provided in writing.

Question

**USE OF BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION FUNDS FOR WATER
STORAGE TANKS**

Is the Department aware that five primary schools in the Adelaide Hills (Yankalilla Area School, Basket Range Primary School, Stirling East Primary School, Macclesfield Primary School, and Eden Hills Primary School) are being forced to meet new state government regulations in relation to fire fighting water storage tanks out of money allocated to them for new buildings under the BER grant?

Answer

The South Australian Government Department of Education and Children Services (DECS) has advised that schools in the Adelaide Hills (Yankalilla Area School, Basket Range Primary School, Stirling East Primary School, Macclesfield Primary School, and Eden Hills Primary School) require water storage tanks to meet building regulations.

Under the BER Guidelines water tanks can be funded as part of the project, either because they are required by building regulations or to contribute to the sustainability of the building.