

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

National Plan for School Improvement - locations for visits to rural and regional schools

Senator NASH: Sure. We are talking about the National Plan for School Improvement. There are a number of forums that were held around the country. I asked the department if they could provide me some locations for the rural and regional forums. We have got back seven, and I am just concerned that none are in remote or very remote areas and none were more than 50 kilometres from the coast. I just do not see how that is a good spread. Senator Jacinta Collins: I am not sure that list is accurate. We will need to take that on notice. I was just thinking that the other week, for instance, I did a Shepparton forum. It does not sound as if that has been captured. Senator NASH: Specifically on the National Plan for School Improvement? Senator Jacinta Collins: Yes. Senator NASH: So that is one, potentially, at Shepparton. Senator Jacinta Collins: I have done some in regional Queensland. I think you might find that the department has not captured some. Ms Paul: It might be out of date. Senator JACINTA COLLINS: For instance, I have done—at the request of different education authorities—Townsville, Rockhampton— Senator NASH: Good news. Coast, coast. Senator Jacinta Collins: Shepparton wasn't coast. I will have to think of some of the other regional ones too. Senator NASH: Rather than you thinking of them, the department might be able to dig up the current list reasonably quickly. Ms Paul: I do not know whether we keep a running list, but we can certainly update this question on notice. (Page 22) Senator NASH: So since 1 February there have been a number of visits that you have undertaken, Minister, and I appreciate that. If you could provide those on notice to me—the ones that have happened subsequent to this list—that would be useful. Ms Paul: We will see if there are any gaps, but we will also update it for you. I think we have done our best. (Page 23) Senator NASH: When you provide the information—fill in the gaps, as you say—for the national plan, perhaps you could indicate under the national plan which particular program that visit related to. That might make the whole thing a lot clearer. Ms Paul: That is true. Sure.

Answer

Events relating to the National Plan for School Improvement since 1 February 2013 to 14 June 2013

- The following is a complete list of National Plan for School Improvement events, school visits and forums from 1 February to 14 June 2013 for the then Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP; the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, the then Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth; and Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins, the then Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations.

National Plan for School Improvement Events February – June 2013	Event Type	Location
- Thurs 28 Feb - GARRETT - School visit - Berwick Secondary College, Berwick, VIC	School visit	Regional
- Mon 11 March - GARRETT - School visit (Teacher Training Reforms announcement) - Macarthur Girls High School, Parramatta, NSW	School visit	Regional
- Wed 3 April - GARRETT - School visit - Narwee Public School, Narwee, NSW	School visit	Regional
- Wed 3 April - GARRETT – Forum - John Edmonson High, Horningsea Park, NSW	Forum	Regional
- Thurs 4 April - GARRETT - AEDI Data Release Launch - Blacktown City Library, Blacktown, NSW	Launch	Regional
- Tues 16 April - PM only – Forum - Hume Anglican Grammar School, Mickleham, VIC	Forum	Regional
- Wed 17 April - GARRETT & PM – Forum - Nunawading Christian College, Nunawading, VIC	Forum	Regional
- Thurs 18 April - COLLINS - School visit - St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Officer, VIC	School visit	Regional
- Tues 23 April - GARRETT - Case study school visit with the Hon Catherine King MP, Member for Ballarat - Canadian Lead Primary School, Ballarat, VIC	School visit	Regional
- Tues 23 April - GARRETT - Forum with the Hon Catherine King MP, Member for Ballarat - Sebastapol College Community Hub, Sebastopol, VIC	Forum	Regional
- Wed 24 April - GARRETT - School visit - Catholic College Bendigo, Bendigo, VIC	School visit	Regional
- Mon 29 April - COLLINS - School visit - St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, East Gosford, NSW	School visit	Regional
- Mon 29 April - COLLINS - School visit - Point Clare Public School, Point Clare, NSW	School visit	Regional
- Tues 7 May - COLLINS - School visit - Austins Ferry Primary School, Claremont,	School visit	Regional

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TAS		
- Tues 7 May - GARRETT - School visit - Ross Park Primary School, Alice Springs, NT	School visit	Regional
- Tues 7 May - GARRETT - School visit - Yirara College, Alice Springs, NT	School visit	Regional
- Tues 7 May - GARRETT - School visit - Centralian Senior Secondary College, Alice Springs, NT	School visit	Regional
- Tues 21 May - COLLINS - School visit - Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, Gladstone, QLD	School visit	Regional
- Tues 21 May - GARRETT - School visit with Ms Sharon Grierson MP, Member for Newcastle - Woodberry Public School, Woodberry, NSW	School visit	Regional
- Tues 21 May - GARRETT - Meeting with Ms Sharon Grierson MP, Member for Newcastle, John Beach (Principal) & Brian Suters - Newcastle East Public School, Newcastle, NSW	Meeting	Regional
- Tues 21 May - GARRETT - Schools forum with Ms Sharon Grierson MP, Member for Newcastle - Waratah Public School, Waratah, NSW	Forum	Regional
- Wed 22 May - COLLINS - North Queensland Minerals and Energy TTC - Kirwan State High School, Kirwan, QLD	School visit	Regional
- Wed 22 May - COLLINS - School visit - Heatley Primary School, Heatley, QLD	School visit	Regional
- Fri 24 May - COLLINS - School Board Gathering 2013 - Sandhurst School Education Board - Parklake Motel, Shepparton, VIC	Speech	Regional
- 13 June-GARRETT – School visit - O'Sullivan Beach Primary School, O'Sullivan Beach, SA	School visit	Regional
- 13 June-GARRETT – School visit - All Saints Catholic Primary School, Seaford, SA	School visit	Regional