

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No. EW0253_14

Senator Mason asked on 6 June 2013, Hansard page 44

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No's EW1007_13 and EW1005_13.

Question

Schools in areas with NBN access

Senator MASON: You are getting, in effect, the information second-hand from Communications. Is it possible to break that data down in EW1005_13 by school level? Ms Bloor: We can certainly seek to do that. Senator MASON: But it would be on notice? Ms Bloor: Yes, it would.

Answer

The Department of Education reported in EW1007_13 (referred to in EW1005_13) that approximately 993 schools are likely to be located in areas in which NBN Co is currently constructing or has completed construction of its fibre network (according to information released by NBN Co in January 2013).

According to more recent data provided by the former Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy on the basis of information released by NBN Co in May 2013, approximately 1005 school premises are likely to be located in areas which NBNCo is currently constructing or has completed construction of its fibre network.

A breakdown of the 1005 schools by school level is provided in the table below.

| State/Territory | Estimated No. of schools in NBN sites completed or currently under construction | | | |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Primary | Secondary/ Combined | Special | Total |
| Australian Capital Territory | 10 | 7 | 0 | 17 |
| New South Wales | 136 | 110 | 8 | 254 |
| Northern Territory | 20 | 13 | 0 | 33 |
| Queensland | 89 | 92 | 9 | 190 |
| South Australia | 60 | 46 | 3 | 109 |
| Tasmania | 69 | 82 | 5 | 156 |
| Victoria | 78 | 42 | 7 | 127 |
| Western Australia | 67 | 46 | 6 | 119 |
| Total | 529 | 438 | 38 | 1005 |