

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No.EW0651_11

Senator Mason asked on 21/10/2010, Hansard page 52.

Question

NBN TIMEFRAME

Senator MASON—What sort of timetable is it? What sort of period are we talking about before the NBN gets through to schools and the election promise can finally be fulfilled? Dr Arthur—In terms of the time frame for the NBN, the timetable for the NBN, you would need to ask the communications department. Senator MASON—But you must have an idea, given you look after schools and are concerned about this, Dr Arthur. Surely you take a passing interest in it? Ms Paul—I would prefer to take the question of a timetable on notice because I would like to check with the department.

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has consulted with the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy in providing the following response:

The five NBN first release sites on the mainland which will test network design and construction techniques and provide services are located in Townsville (Qld), Armidale (NSW), Minnamurra & Kiama Downs (NSW), Willunga (SA) and in one capital city location of Brunswick (Melbourne). In the first half of 2011, construction is scheduled to commence at a further 19 sites across Australia (the second release sites, comprising of 14 new locations and five sites adjacent to existing first release sites). These are outlined in the table below. NBN Co will advise of further release sites and their location in future.

A number of schools (government and non-government) are located within the areas covered by the first and second release sites of the NBN. DEEWR estimates that up to 10 schools fall within the five first release locations, and up to 129 schools fall within the 19 second release locations.

Table 1: Second Release Sites

| New locations | Adjacent Rollout Site |
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| Bacchus Marsh, Victoria | Minnamurra/Kiama Downs, New South Wales |
| South Morang, Victoria | Armidale, New South Wales |
| Brisbane (Inner North), Queensland | Townsville, Queensland |
| Springfield Lakes, Queensland | Brunswick, Victoria |
| Toowoomba, Queensland | Willunga (nearby area of Seaford/McLaren Vale), South Australia |
| Riverstone, New South Wales | |
| Coffs Harbour, New South Wales | |
| Modbury, South Australia | |
| Prospect, South Australia | |
| Victoria Park, Western Australia | |
| Geraldton, Western Australia | |
| Mandurah, Western Australia | |
| Casuarina, Northern Territory | |
| Gungahlin, Australian Capital Territory | |