

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0832\_12

**Senator Mason asked on 20 October 2011, Hansard page 67**

**Question**

**schools closures after the BER project**

Senator MASON: How many schools have closed after the BER project finished? Mr Thomas: We would have to take that on notice. Senator MASON: I would be interested. Mr Thomas: Sure. Senator MASON: Can you take that not just for round 1 but for the entire BER. Mr Kovacic: Certainly. Senator MASON: How many have closed after completion? Mr Thomas: Yes—schools that have had BER projects, which have closed

**Answer**

As of 30 September 2011, Education Authorities have reported that 16 schools have closed after their BER projects have been completed.

In the majority of cases where a school has closed after completion of a BER project:

- a new school has taken over the site and is utilising the facility or items on which the funds were expended;
- the facility or items on which the funds were expended were able to be moved to another school;
- the BER funds have been returned either in full or in part to the Commonwealth.