

**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

Performance Audit - Audit Report No. 30 of 2010-11

Senator MASON: That is fine. This one sounds similar but it is a different contract. CN917671 is an audit of a sample of schools funded under the Digital Education Revolution National Secondary School Computer Fund. That is a different one. The contract period is from 3 September to 21 December this year. The contract value is about \$113,000. How is this contract different? Ms Potter: There was a performance audit undertaken by the ANAO—Audit report No. 30 of 2010-11. Senator MASON: By the Audit Office? Ms Potter: That is right. One of the recommendations was that DEEWR consult with education authorities to design and construct an audit of a sample of schools funded under DER in relation to the computer to student ratio. This contract is for the audit to be undertaken. That work is expected to happen during November. Senator MASON: Will it be published? I suppose it would be. Mr Manthorpe: That will be a matter for the government. Senator MASON: So it might be? Ms Paul: I am not sure that it culminates in a report that would be published. We might have to check that. Senator MASON: Can you check that? Ms Paul: I am happy to. Senator MASON: If it will be published. Ms Paul: If it actually culminates in a report, will it be published? That is fine.

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has engaged Resolution Consulting Services Pty Ltd to conduct a sample audit of schools funded under the Digital Education Revolution (DER) – National Secondary School Computer Fund, as recommended in the ANAO Report No.30 2010-11. Resolution Consulting Services Pty Ltd is expected to provide DEEWR with a report on its findings. The decision to release the report will be a matter for Government.