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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Reference schools to construct national schooling resource standards

Senator WRIGHT: First of all, can you identify please which schools were used as reference schools in order to construct the national schooling resource standards that make up the new school funding model under the Better Schools plan? Mr Cook: There were 1,400 of those schools. Senator WRIGHT: Yes. Can you direct me to them. Obviously, I do not want you to read out all of the names here. I would like to ascertain what they were. Pg 87 Mr Cook: We will certainly take that on notice. There is no public document that exists, but we will certainly take it on notice. Senator WRIGHT: No, but I do want to know who they were.

Answer

Reference schools were selected based on those schools where 80 per cent or more of students achieved above the national minimum standard for their year level in both reading and numeracy in each of the three years 2009-2011.

Note that 1503 schools met this reference school criteria but some schools were excluded from the regression due to missing Socio-Educational Advantage (SEA) values. In total 1489 reference schools were included in the regression analysis in determination of the Schooling Resource Standard.

Please find the list of 1489 reference schools provided at [Attachment A](#).