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Question

Table showing numbers of schools in remote regions, as defined in the new funding arrangements.

(following conversation on page 36 of Hansard) Mr Cook: I have the figures you asked for before. Senator McKENZIE: Fantastic. Mr Cook: In terms of Victoria, as you would appreciate, there are no very remote schools and no students therefore in the very remote schools. Are you happy to take these figures now? Senator McKENZIE: Thank you. Mr Cook: In terms of those five categories in Victoria, major city schools is the biggest category: 1,626 schools—if I round them up it might be easier—and around 699,450 students. For inner regional schools in Victoria: 363 schools and around 63,250 students. For outer regional schools in Victoria: 225 schools and around 35,200 students. And for remote schools in Victoria: 10 schools and around 500 students. Senator McKENZIE: Which state has the most remote schools? Mr Cook: On size, that would be the Northern Territory with 89—sorry, remote or very remote? Senator McKENZIE: Remote. Mr Cook: Correction. That would be Queensland with 91 remote schools. Senator McKENZIE: How many does New South Wales have? Mr Cook: Forty-five. There are 313 remote schools in total in Australia. Senator McKENZIE: Well done, Mr Cook. I would appreciate it if you could table that table. Mr Cook: We could do that.

Answer

The data requested on numbers of schools in remote areas, as defined for the new funding arrangements, are given below.

Numbers of schools in each state by Remote and Very Remote Regions, as defined for the new funding arrangements with State Totals: 2012

	Remote	Very remote	Total number of Schools
NSW	45	19	3095
VIC	10		2224
QLD	91	79	1718
SA	31	27	752
WA	89	84	1071
TAS	7	3	262
NT	40	89	191
ACT			128
Australia	313	301	9441

Source: The former DEEWR May 2013

Note: Numbers of schools will differ from those published in Schools Australia. Where schools have campuses across regions, the school is attributed to the region the head campus is located in.