

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW1030\_12

**Senator Siewert's request is provided in writing.**

**Question: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan**

Update on number of Focus Schools (state and region) and total population of those schools.

**Answer**

- All Australian Education Ministers agreed under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Action Plan (2010-2014)* (the Education Action Plan) to identify a key group of schools called Focus Schools.
- The list of Focus Schools is published on the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) website:  
[http://www.mceecdya.edu.au/verve/\\_resources/Full\\_Focus\\_School\\_List\\_-\\_final\\_-\\_20-12-2011.pdf](http://www.mceecdya.edu.au/verve/_resources/Full_Focus_School_List_-_final_-_20-12-2011.pdf)
- There are currently 906 Focus Schools.

The distribution of these schools by State/Territory and geolocation is shown in the table below.

<b>Geolocation</b>	<b>State/Territory</b>								<b>Grand Total</b>
	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>WA</b>	
Metro	31	28	N/A	127	42	31	47	10	316
Provincial	1	70	12	103	29	42	84	13	354
Remote	N/A	12	12	20	4	1	N/A	20	69
Very Remote	N/A	5	39	40	17	1	N/A	65	167
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>906</b>

Sources: National Schools Statistics Collection 2010 Cat. # 4221.0

The total number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student enrolments in the 906 Focus Schools is 57,157, comprising 47,466 primary and 9,691 secondary students.