

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No.EW0080_11

Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

To provide a breakdown in the level of all non-construction fees, profits and management fees for each state and territory for the public sector.

Answer

State and territory education departments have generally advised DEEWR that to provide a breakdown of all non-construction fees, profits and management fees would require significant resources due to the nature of the request and the large number of projects involved. State and territory education authorities have also advised that some elements of the requested information would be 'commercial in confidence' due to contractual conditions and/or where tender processes have not yet been completed.

In its interim report to the Minister for Education, published in August 2010, the Building the Education Revolution (BER) Implementation Taskforce recommended that:

"In the interest of transparency and public accountability, the Taskforce recommends that each education authority publish school specific project cost data related to BER P21 in a nationally common structure with consistent definitions."

The Government has agreed that the recommendations made by the BER Implementation Taskforce will be implemented in full.