

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

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

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.**EW0354\_11

**Senator Scullion asked on 3/06/2010, Hansard page 20.**

**Question**

**BOARDING FACILITIES FOR KIDS**

Ms Paul—They are boarding facilities for kids to be able to go to school.

Ms Wall—I do not have to hand the list of all consultations since the announcement of the measure. I can say that certainly over the last six months there have been continuous consultations. We engaged in the Warlpiri triangle and East Arnhem consultations. KPMG was undertaking a feasibility study which involved extensive consultations. Our staff, particularly our Northern Territory office, have been following up those consultations. Some were held again last week and there are others being held today and tomorrow. I am a little surprised to hear that. I could certainly give you a comprehensive list of all the consultations that have been held over the period. I just do not have that with me.

Senator SCULLION—Excellent.

**Answer**

Summary of main consultations held in relation to the three NT sites to be considered for a boarding facility.

<b>Date/location</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>WADEYE</b> From August 2008to current	Consultations with <b>Wadeye</b> community representatives result in a feasibility study being commissioned.The boarding facilityhas been discussed with theCatholic Education Office, community, Thamarrurr Inc and Thamarrurr Development Corporation meetings.DEEWRState and National Office representatives visited and met with Community members throughout this period.
Key Meetings: March to May 2009	Colmar Brunton Social Research carried out a Feasibility study—detailed community consultations undertaken during this period.
2010	Meeting on 20 Jan to discuss management options and land leasing.  Meeting on 18 Feb to finalise management options and land leasing issues.

Meeting on 9 June to discuss floor plan layout and seek community agreement to draft plan.

### **EAST ARNHEM**

From December 2008 to current

Consultation with **East Arnhem** community representatives. The boarding facility has been discussed at the NT Remote Learning Partnership and Community Education Partnership Board meetings and at Warlpiri Education and Training Trust meetings. DEEWR State and National Office representatives have visited and met with community members throughout this period.

Key Meetings  
October 2009

DEEWR consultations with community, where agreement was reached to undertake feasibility study.

December 2009 –  
May 2010

KPMG carried out feasibility study. Detailed community consultations were undertaken 23 Feb – 5 March.

2010 - June

4 June - Community meeting to agree location and next steps.

### **WARLPIRI**

From April 2009 to current

Community consultations with the **Warlpiri** communities. The boarding facility has been discussed at Warlpiri Education and Training Trust. DEEWR State and National Office representatives visited and met with community members throughout this period.

Key meetings  
September 2009

Senior DEEWR officials attended Warlpiri Education and Training Trust Meeting

October 2009

DEEWR consultations with community where agreement was reached to undertake feasibility study

Jan 2010 – May  
2010

KPMG carried out the Feasibility Study. Consultations were undertaken 22 Feb – 19 March

2010

27 May community meeting in Lajamanu to provide feedback on Feasibility Study and advise DPM's preferred location.

1 June community meetings held in Yuendumu, Willowra and Nyripi to provide feedback on Feasibility Study and advise DPM's preferred location.

21 June meeting with representatives from all four Warlpiri communities to discuss next steps, building design and operational programs.