

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0825\_12

**Senator Mason asked on 20 October 2011 , Hansard page 61**

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**Question**

**National Broadband Network**

The department took that question on notice. Unless I am mistaken, it does not seem to have been answered—I cannot find it—so have any of the four secondary schools in the five first-release sites been connected to the NBN? Dr Arthur: We can certainly help you. The question has been answered, as is our understanding— Senator MASON: How come I cannot find it? I am usually quite good at these things. Dr Arthur: We can probably read out the answer. I have one answer which is EW-861 and 651. My colleague has referred it to me. The number is 476 of 12. Senator MASON: If it has been answered that is fine. Have any of the four secondary schools in the first five release sites been connected? Ms Bloor: Four schools have been connected on mainland to the NBN and six in Tasmania. Senator MASON: And those four secondary schools are in the first five first-release sites? Ms Bloor: Yes, they are. Senator MASON: Ms Bloor, when were they connected? Ms Bloor: Those figures are as at 17 October. Those schools are connected but I cannot at this point answer when they were connected but I could take that on notice.

**Answer**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has been advised by school authorities that four schools were connected in the first five release sites on the following dates:

School Name	NBN Release Site	Education Level	Date of Connection
Presbyterian Ladies College	Armidale	Combined	30 June 2011
The Cathedral School of St Anne and St James	Townsville	Combined	30 August 2011
Willunga High School	Willunga	Secondary	5 July 2011
Willunga Primary School	Willunga	Primary	19 July 2011