

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Question

DER obsolete computers

Senator MASON: No, what you have said does not contradict that. How many computers will become obsolete and will need to be replaced by the end of 2012? How many over the course of 2013? Ms Bloor: According to our figures, 65,000. Senator MASON: That is the number becoming obsolete by the end of 2012? Ms Bloor: My apologies. The number is 64,000. That is the number which would be four years old. That is the length of time which was agreed. Senator MASON: I remember very well, Ms Bloor, that discussion all those years ago. How could I forget? How about over the course of 2013? Ms Bloor: I do not have that figure with me. Ms Paul: We will take that on notice. Senator MASON: And then 2014 as well, please, Ms Bloor. Ms Bloor: To correct the record—the 64,000 is in 2012-13. So it is until the end of this financial year. Senator MASON: In that case, could you please give me the figures for the subsequent two financial years. Ms Paul: We will take it on notice for the rest of the out years.

Answer

The Review of Legitimate and Additional Financial Implications of the National Secondary School Computer Fund (the Review) concluded that computers funded under the National Secondary School Computer Fund (the Computer Fund) would have a four year lifecycle. Funding under the Computer Fund was not distributed until July 2008.

The following table provides the approximate number of computers installed under the Computer Fund from 2008-09 to 2011-12. In accordance with the findings of the Review, these could be expected to become obsolete sequentially from 2012-13 to 2015-16.

Financial Year	Approximate number of devices installed *
2008-09	64 000
2009-10	231 000
2010-11	297 000
2011-12	375 000

*State and territory education authorities report their computer installations biannually through Progress Reports.