

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS  
REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Reference: Primary Schools for the 21st Century program**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome/Agency**                    **2**

**DEEWR Question**                    **15**

Senator Barnett asked on Monday, 30 November 2009, DEWR Hansard page 32:

**Question**

*How many schools in each state and territory are planned for closure—and can you identify the schools for us—over the next one to three years, in accordance with the guidelines.*

**Answer**

In February 2009 the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations requested each state/territory education department and Block Grant Authority (for the non-government school sector) to provide numbers of schools planned for closure and the year in which they are due for closure, as at February 2009. The information obtained is in the table below.

Education authorities were not required to identify the schools at that time. Since February, education authorities have informed DEEWR on a case by case basis of schools under consideration for closure. This is an ongoing process, thus it is not possible to quantify the total numbers at any point in time.

<b>Education Authority</b>	<b>Number of schools identified for closure</b>	<b>Scheduled year of closure</b>
ACT Government	1	2011
NSW Government	10	2009
NSW Catholics	1	2010
VIC Independents	1	2009