

**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**                    **11**

Senator Barnett asked on Monday, 30 November 2009, EEWR Hansard page 26:

**Question**

*You indicated there were just 62 complaints. Bearing in mind that in your figures there is only a small number, 62, I wonder if you can take on notice the details—the complainants, the detail of the complaint, whether it has been resolved or not resolved and the outcome. I do not know if you have a document that you could perhaps table either now or later to indicate to us those results.*

**Answer**

The BER National Coordinator has received 67 complaints concerning the Building the Education Revolution program as at 17 December 2009. Details of the complaints received are at [Attachment A](#). To protect the privacy of the complainant, personal information has not been included.

**ATTACHMENT A**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Date of Response</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	26/02/2009	Basket Range Primary School	Calculation of full-time equivalent (FTE) student numbers	Eligibility was calculated on FTE from the February 2009 census.	6/03/2009	Closed
2	26/02/2009	Basket Range Primary School	Calculation of full-time equivalent (FTE) student numbers	Eligibility was calculated on FTE from the February 2009 census.	3/03/2009	Closed
3	11/03/2009	Aus Christian College - Moreton	Funding for distance education students	Distance education enrolments are now included for BER calculation purposes.	8/04/2009	Closed
4	03/04/2009	Atwell Primary School	Multipurpose hall proposal	Decisions regarding BER projects are decided by education authorities in consultation with schools and their communities.	23/04/2009	Closed
5	09/04/2009	Hay Public School	Project type priority	Ongoing school maintenance would address priority areas for projects not receiving BER funding.	11/05/2009	Closed
6	03/05/2009	Hughes Primary School	Project type priority	School reached agreement on the project to be submitted to DEEWR.	20/05/2009	Closed
7	18/05/2009	Inverloch Primary School	Commitments in relation to its Building Futures program	School reached agreement on the BER projects to be submitted to DEEWR.	1/06/2009	Closed
8	27/05/2009	Charleville Distance Education School	Funding for distance education students	Distance education enrolments are now included for BER calculation purposes.	7/07/2009	Closed
9	27/05/2009	Faulconbridge Public School	Project type priority	School reached agreement on the project to be submitted to DEEWR.	25/06/2009	Closed
10	02/06/2009	Inverloch Primary School	School is seeking further funding	School already allocated funding above its notional allocation; no further funding available from the Commonwealth.	10/06/2009	Closed
11	12/05/2009 & 22/06/2009 & 3/12/2009	Berwick Lodge Primary School	Project type priority	BER application will include provision of additional classrooms.	19/06/2009	Closed

12	26/05/2009 & 04/06/2009 & 08/09/2009	Beaconsfield Upper Primary School	Project type priority	School reached agreement on the project to be submitted to DEEWR.	17/07/2009	Closed
13	28/05/2009	Amphitheatre Primary School	Project type priority, including demolition	BER project will refurbish the existing building; there are no plans to demolish buildings currently on site.	14/07/2009	Closed
14	28/05/2009	Osborne Primary School	Project type priority and notional allocation	School reached agreement on the project to be submitted to DEEWR within allocated funding.	30/06/2009	Closed
15	04/06/2009	Beaconsfield Upper Primary School	Suitability of building template being offered to the school	School reached agreement on the project to be submitted to DEEWR.	17/07/2009	Closed
16	05/06/2009 & 25/06/2009	Tullamarine Primary School	Suitability of building template being offered to the school	School reached agreement on the project to be submitted to DEEWR.	26/06/2009 & 15/07/2009	Closed
17	05/06/2009	Oak Park Primary School	Suitability of building template being offered to the school	An application for non-template solution to be submitted to DEEWR.	23/06/2009	Closed
18	12/06/2009 & 15/06/2009 & 25/06/2009	Glendal Primary School	Project type priority and notional allocation	School reached agreement on the project and a formal request for a project variation will be submitted to DEEWR.	14/07/2009	Closed
19	10/06/2009 & 18/07/2009	Cronulla South Public School	Full-time equivalent (FTE) student numbers and notional allocation	Eligibility was calculated on FTE from the February 2009 census.	17/07/2009	Closed
20	21/05/2009	Amphitheatre Primary School	Project type priority	School reached agreement for the main building to be refurbished.	1/06/2009	Closed
21	22/05/2009	Berwick Fields Primary School	The school wishes to receive its full BER funding allocation	An application was submitted and approved in P21 Round 3 for the school's notional funding allocation.	1/06/2009	Closed

22	19/05/2009	Courtenay Gardens PS	Suitability of building template being offered to the school	School reached agreement on the project to be submitted to DEEWR.	1/06/2009	Closed
23	21/05/2009	River Gum PS	The school would like to receive its full BER funding allocation; joint project with another school	VIC DEECD to work with the school on an alternative application for Round 3 of P21.	1/06/2009	Closed
24	21/05/2009	Dandenong Valley School	Notional funding allocation	School reached agreement on the project.	1/06/2009	Closed
25	22/05/2009	Lynbrook Primary School	Notional funding allocation and companion project.	An application was submitted and approved in P21 Round 3 for the school's notional funding allocation.	1/06/2009	Closed
26	21/05/2009	Southern Cross Primary School	Notional funding allocation	School reached agreement on the project.	26/06/2009	Closed
27	11/06/2009	St. Laurence's College	Prioritisation of schools applications under the Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools (SLC) element	SLC is a competitive process and applications assessed on merits by the NAP.	12/06/2009	Closed
28	18/06/2009	Sacre Coeur	SLC ranking	SLC is a competitive process and applications assessed on merits by the NAP.	22/06/2009	Closed
29	19/06/2009 & 6/07/2009	Cootamundra High School	SLC ranking	SLC is a competitive process and applications assessed on merits by the NAP.	25/06/2009 & 9/07/2009	Closed
30	24/06/2009	Berwick Primary School	Notional funding allocation and companion project.	School reached agreement on the project.	29/06/2009	Closed
31	24/06/2009	Fairvale High School	SLC ranking	SLC is a competitive process and application to be assessed on its merits by the NAP.	15/07/2009	Closed
32	03/06/2009 & 23/06/2009	Oatlands Primary School	Notional funding allocation and companion project	BER Guidelines specify that variations to current project are allowed, however, additional projects are not.	17/09/2009	Closed
33	24/06/2009	James Cook Primary School	Notional funding allocation	School funded in line with notional allocation.	26/06/2009	Closed

34	25/06/2009	Bell Primary School	Consultation in developing project and the location of the proposed building	Vic DEECD to allow additional time for consultation.	26/06/2009 & 17/07/2009	Closed
35	25/06/2009	Sandringham Primary School	Timeframe to submit application, notional funding allocation	Additional time allowed for submission of application; funded in line with notional allocation.	26/06/2009	Closed
36	02/06/2009	Thomas Mitchell Primary School	Notional funding allocation and companion project	BER Guidelines specify that variations to current project are allowed, however, additional projects are not.	17/09/2009	Closed
37	02/07/2009	Lourdes Hill College	SLC ranking	SLC is a competitive process and applications assessed on merits by the NAP.	15/07/2009	Closed
38	03/07/2009 & 19/08/2009	Nambour State High School	SLC ranking	SLC is a competitive process and applications assessed on merits by the NAP.	11/08/2009	Closed
39	02/08/2009 & 22/09/2009	Braitling Primary School	Facility provided (fence) may exclude community; lack of consultation	Following advice from NT police and community consultation, the school will be erecting the 2.3 metre high perimeter fence to prevent unauthorised after hours entry and high levels of vandalism.	17/08/2009 & 23/10/2009	Closed
40	05/08/2009	Moama Anglican Grammar School	SLC ranking	SLC is a competitive process and applications assessed on merits by the NAP.	20/08/2009	Closed
41	07/08/2009	Queen of Peace Parish Primary School	Project/ facility type priorities	Part of project proposal did not comply with BER Guidelines; variation process outlined.	9/09/2009	Closed
42	05/08/2009	Kesser Torah College	SLC ranking	SLC is a competitive process and applications assessed on merits by the NAP.	11/08/2009	Closed
43	18/08/2009	Hamazkaine Arshak & Sophie Galstaun School	SLC ranking	SLC is a competitive process and applications assessed on merits by the NAP.	3/09/2009	Closed

44	03/09/2009	Mullion Creek Public School Errowanbang Public School Spring Hill Public School	Opportunities for schools to self manage its projects; scope of facility	Decisions regarding BER projects are decided by education authorities in consultation with schools and their communities.	7/10/2009	Closed
45	07/09/2009	Liberty College	Non-approval of funding under the P21 element of BER	Advised of BER Guidelines provisions in relation to financial viability. Decision not changed.	17/09/2009	Closed
46	08/09/2009	Al-Taqwa College	SLC ranking	SLC is a competitive process and applications assessed on merits by the NAP.	15/09/2009	Closed
47	09/09/2009 & 22/10/2009 & 27/10/2009	Mt Martha Primary School	Notional funding allocation	Decisions regarding BER projects are decided by education authorities in consultation with schools and their communities. School reached agreement on its BER project.	8/10/2009	Closed
48	10/09/2009 & 24/09/2009	St. Marks Primary School	Development application; demolition on site	No demolition on site; state government planning approval process explained.	24/09/2009 & 29/10/2009	Closed
49	14/09/2009	Abbotsford Public School	Project/ facility priority	Project selection process explained; consultation with NSW Government to resolve matter.	15/10/2009	Closed
50	16/09/2009	Cambridge Primary School	Use of template design	The school and the education authority are considering options such as reducing the scope of the project to ensure it falls within the budget or to seek additional funds elsewhere to allow the inclusion of a stage.	15/10/2009	Closed
51	16/09/2009	Maraylya Public School	Siting of fence	Education Authority proposed alternate site.	7/10/2009	Closed
52	23/09/2009	Montmorency Primary School	Amount of BER funding received	Decisions regarding BER projects are decided by education authorities in consultation with schools and their communities. School received its maximum notional funding amount.	8/10/2009	Closed

53	24/09/2009	Ermington Public School	Project compliance with agreed plans	Discussions between Education Authority and school Principal are ongoing and it is expected that a resolution will be reached in the near future.	15/10/2009	Closed
54	11/11/2009	St Catherine's School	Environmental assessment and involvement of the community and the local council.	Commonwealth has no role in planning approvals. Contact details for NSW Infrastructure Coordinator General provided.	9/12/2009	Closed
55	20/10/2009	Mount Lawley Primary School	Out of school hours facilities	Correspondent encouraged to continue to work with the school Principal to resolve the issue of site access.	4/11/2009	Closed
56	22/10/2009	Jeparit Primary School	Ownership of BER facilities	Facilities funded under BER are permanent facilities and are not subject to VIC DEECD normal relocatable procedures.	2/11/2009	Closed
57	27/10/2009	Citizen	Listing of schools that did not receive SLC funding	Request being actioned under FOI provisions.	4/11/2009	Closed
58	30/10/2009	Ben Lomond School	Project management and facility quality	Projects must meet quality requirements set by the NSW Schools Facilities Standards.	13/11/2009	Closed
59	11/11/2009	Huntingdale Primary School	Request for a project variation to create a new project.	BER Guidelines specify that variations to current project are allowed, however, additional projects are not.	20/11/2009	Closed
60	17/11/2009	Lindfield Montessori Preschool	Eligibility of BER application	School is not eligible for funding as it was not a Block Grant Authority participant as at February 2009.	9/12/2009	Closed
61	18/11/2009	Mathoura Public School	Employment of local contractors	EOI received from local builder did not meet the needs of the project.	2/12/2009	Closed
62	02/12/2009 & 9/12/2009	Bradbury Public School	Implementation of project	Projects would proceed as approved by Minister for Education; NSW DET would continue to work with the school to resolve ongoing concerns.	9/12/2009	Open
63	26/11/2009	Scotts Head Public School	Project type priority	Decisions regarding BER projects are decided by education authorities in consultation with schools and their communities. School reached agreement on its BER project.	15/12/2009	Closed
64	03/12/2009	Walford Anglican School for Girls	Siting of lighting associated with project	School agreed to alter site and impose curfews.	16/12/2009	Closed

65	21/04/2009	Tullawong State School	Design templates and the size of the hall	Decisions regarding BER projects are decided by education authorities in consultation with schools and their communities. School reached agreement on its BER project.	5/06/2009	Closed
66	24/06/2009	Chalcot Lodge Primary School	Project type priority	Vic DEECD provided school with details in regards to timing and submission of applications.	01/072009	Closed
67	1/07/2009	South Perth Primary School	Timeframes and use of templates	Decisions regarding BER projects are decided by education authorities in consultation with schools and their communities. School reached agreement on its BER project.	6/08/2009	Closed