

**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 No. **12**

Senator Marshall asked on Monday, 30 November 2009, EEWR Hansard page 29:

Question

[In relation to Abbotsford Public School]

Let's have a look at the original sign-off, because I am interested in that. Let us get to the bottom of this particular example.

Answer

In late February 2009, the New South Wales Department of Education and Training (NSW DET) requested school principals to nominate projects for funding consideration under the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* element of the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program. Nominations were accepted from principals via a web application process set up by NSW DET that required the principal to confirm a statement of school community agreement with the project being nominated.

NSW DET has advised DEEWR that the principal of Abbotsford Public School signed off on the required Project Nomination Form. The BER Guidelines do not require NSW DET to provide a copy of this assurance to DEEWR for each individual school. Consequently DEEWR does not hold the specific project signoff for Abbotsford Public School.