

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

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**Question**

**Building the Education Revolution - Gateshead West Public School, NSW**

Senator RUSTON: I will go to a couple of specific schools—first, the Gateshead West Public School in New South Wales. Can you confirm how much funding went into this project and when it commenced? Mr Hehir: I do not have the detail of every single one of the projects in front of me. I can take that on notice. Mr Cook: The Gateshead West project commenced on 4 February this year. I do not have the funding information with me but I do have that date. Senator RUSTON: Could you take this on notice: to the best of my knowledge the Gateshead West Public School was closed at the end of 2012. Mr Cook: I will take it on notice. I have got it here that an enhancement project commenced on 4 February this year, but we will certainly take that on notice.

**Answer**

Gateshead West Public School received \$3 063 200 in Building the Education Revolution (BER) funding, comprised of \$75 000 for refurbishment of school facilities under the National School Pride (NSP) element and \$2 988 200 for classroom upgrades, and the conversion of facilities to cater for a Schools for Specific Purposes under the Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) element.

Gateshead West Public School's NSP project completed on 29 October 2009 and the P21 project completed on 29 October 2013.

The Gateshead West Public School merged with Gateshead Public School to form Wiripaang Public School. Wiripaang Public School commenced operations in 2013 at the former Gateshead Public School site.

The former Gateshead West Public School site was converted to an Schools for Specific Purposes site to cater for Lakeside School, which relocated in July 2013.