

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.        EW1001\_10**

**Senator Mason asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 34.**

**Question**

**DER - ROUND 2**

Ms Bloor—As at the end of January—I think it was 20 January—100,823 had been installed.

Senator MASON—Round 2, how many have been approved?

Ms Bloor—141,177.

Senator MASON—141,177? Now, why is that different from last time, the answer was: approved, 141,597?

Ms Bloor—I am sorry. I cannot account for that difference at the moment. I will take that on notice.

Senator MASON—You cannot account for that? Can you check on that?

Ms Bloor—Yes.

**Answer**

The initial announcement of approved computers in Round Two of the National Secondary School Computer Fund (the Fund) was 141,294 computers plus \$303,000 in flexible funding for 303 students with a disability. In effect, the total number of computers approved under Round Two was 141,597.

After the successful schools were announced, one school advised DEEWR that it wished to amend the data that they provided at the time of the Preliminary Audit on the number of computers in the school. The school advised that they had more computers than originally counted and hence required less funding to reach the target ratio for Round Two of 1:2 computers to students.

The data change resulted in DEEWR reducing the number of computers approved for this school by 117. The effect of this data change reduced the total amount of approved computers in Round Two of the Fund to 141,177 plus \$303,000 for flexible funding.