

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0883\_11**

**Senator Back provided in writing.**

**Question**

**RESPONSE TO LETTER AND ASSURANCE ON QUARTERLY REPORTS**

When can the EEWR Committee expect a response to its letter to the Ministerial Council for Federal-Financial Relations dated the 17 December 2010?

How can the Committee be assured that the quarterly reports being submitted by the states and territories to the Ministerial Council for Federal-Financial Relations are being properly assessed and benchmarks imposed when there is evidence of so much abuse of the BER?

**Answer**

Both the response to the letter to the Ministerial Council for Federal Financial Relations and the question of the assessment processes in place for the quarterly reports on the maintenance of state and territory government spending on primary school infrastructure are matters for the Department of Treasury.