

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW1015\_12

**Senator Nash provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Gonski Review Report**

Refer to the Gonski Review Report. • How many of the 39 schools that the Gonski panel visited were in regional and rural Australia? • The Government has announced a nation-wide consultation process with families, teachers, principals and the wider community. How much of this consultation will take place in regional and rural Australia? • How many public forums will be held in regional and rural Australia?

**Answer**

A total of 10 schools out of 39 schools and campuses visited by panel members undertaking the Review of Funding for Schooling were in regional and rural Australia.

Following the release of the final report of the Review of Funding for Schooling on 20 February 2012, the Australian Government is carrying out a nation-wide consultation process with Australian families, teachers, principals and the wider community. Between 20 February and 30 April 2012, 11 regional events have occurred including four forums and seven school visits.

The Government will continue to consult with schools, communities and stakeholders on the development of new funding arrangements. This will include events around Australia, as well as local information sessions. On-line forums will also be conducted to allow communities and stakeholders the opportunity to make their views known. Where possible forums will be streamed live on the DEEWR site providing real time engagement with regional and rural Australia and video clips will be placed on the *Your School Our Future* website at [www.schoolfunding.gov.au](http://www.schoolfunding.gov.au). Comments can be submitted from members of the public via the website, Facebook and Twitter as well as from the live audience of these forums. All of these arrangements will assist to achieve full geographical reach across the Australian community.