

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 16 February 2012, Hansard page 80

Question

Secondary schools in early release sites announced by the NBN

Senator MASON: Of the 175 schools in the 19 second-release sites and 138 schools in the additional 28 second-release sites announced by the NBN on 18 October 2011, do you know how many of those secondary schools? Ms Bloor: Those figures are estimations. I think— Senator MASON: Best estimates, I think. Ms Bloor: in October the NBN rollout maps were not finalised and so they were very much the department's estimation of the number of schools. Again, I would have to take that on notice as to how many secondary schools—

Answer

In October 2011, NBN Co Limited announced its fibre network rollout plan for the 12 months from October 2011. A copy of the announcement can be found at: <http://www.nbnco.com.au/assets/media-releases/2011/rollout-update-18-oct-11.pdf>

These plans indicate projected fibre rollout to a total of 60 locations, including:

- 5 first release sites on the mainland.
- 3 locations where rollout initially occurred in Tasmania.
- A further 16 areas where construction had commenced in October 2011.
- 36 areas where construction will begin by October 2012.
- Extensions in coverage in several of the above areas.

DEEWR has estimated that around 375 schools may be located in these locations. It is not possible to determine exactly how many schools are located in these locations as detailed coverage maps have not been released for all these locations.

DEEWR estimates that 180 of these schools provide secondary schooling.