

**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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Question

BER project closures

Senator MASON: Of all the projects that disappeared since the beginning of the program, which was about 223 as at the October estimates, can you provide a breakdown of how many projects have dropped off for different reasons and, for example, how many because of school closures, school amalgamations and so on?
Mr Thomas: I would have to take that on notice. We should be able to do that. The reasons for the project closure should be recorded.

Answer

Under the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* (P21) element of the Building the Education Revolution program, 10,697 projects were approved as at 30 September 2009. There are 10,472 approved P21 projects as at 31 January 2012. The overall reduction in projects is 225. The table below shows the reasons for each project cancellation.

Reasons for project cancellations	Projects
Project amalgamated or transferred within the same school	201
Funding transferred (with consent) to another school	15
Project withdrawn	7
School closed	2
Total	225