

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2012-2013

#### Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

#### DEEWR Question No. EW0985\_13

*Relates to previous DEEWR Question No. EW0713\_13*

**Senator Nash asked on 14 February 2013, Hansard page 53**

#### Question

#### Visits to rural and regional schools

Senator NASH: ...In response to a question on notice, which was, just to assist, EW0713-13, I asked again: 'Within all of this consultation, which regional communities had been visited?' And you answered with regard to Your School, Our Future, six held in regional areas; National Plan for School Improvement fora, seven held in regional areas. And you answered with regard to Your School, Our Future, six held in regional areas; National Plan for School Improvement fora, seven held in regional areas. ... Senator NASH: I will make it really simple for you. There are two things. Can you give me a list of where you were not physically in a regional location? Mr Cook: Yes. Senator NASH: And when you were physically there, on the ground, in the regional town, that is, a town with a signpost that you see when you drive into it. Can you give me a list of the names of the towns that you physically visited? Mr Cook: I can do that. Senator NASH: That would be very useful. Thank you. Just on that, with the forums online there were about 1,500 people. In that first part of the question that I asked you, if you could give me an indication of how many regional people there were? Out of the 1,500, how many were regional? But I suspect that will come out with the first part of the answer that you have taken on notice, anyway? Mr Cook: I will see what data is available about that. We can certainly look into that. Senator NASH: I think that would marry in with the question you have taken on notice to look at how many regional towns are online. Perhaps there is the opportunity to get the actual number of people. Just on the funding model specifically for regional, rural and remote schools—and I know we have had some discussion about this earlier—I understand that last time we had this discussion there was no available information because it was under discussion.

#### Answer

27 'National Plan for School Improvement' events delivered by DEEWR have been held between 4 September 2012 and 1 February 2013.

20 events were held in metropolitan locations, and seven events were held in regional locations.

Around 780 people attended these events in person. The audience for the live streamed events was around 650. A breakdown of audience in regional areas is not available.

Below is a list of locations for these forums:

## **Metropolitan**

Metropolitan - 3 September, Press Club Address – **Canberra, ACT** (Prime Minister)

Metropolitan - 4 September, School Visit – Randwick Girls High School – **Randwick, NSW** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 5 September, School Visit – East Kenwick Primary School – **Kenwick, WA** – (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 12 September, Community Forum – DEEWR Theatre – **Canberra, ACT** (Minister Garrett, Senator Jacinta Collins)

Metropolitan - 19 October, School Visit and Community Forum – St Nicholas of Myra Primary School – **Penrith, NSW** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 24 October, Stakeholder Forum – EIDOS Business Leaders Forum – **Brisbane, QLD** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 26 October, School Visit and Community Forum – Marsden State High School – **Waterford West, QLD** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 26 October, School Visit and Community Forum – Sunnybank State High School – **Sunnybank, QLD** (Minister Garrett) Live audience **plus placed on website**

Metropolitan - 1 November, Community Forum – DEEWR Theatre – **Canberra, ACT** (Minister Garrett, Senator Jacinta Collins) Live audience **plus online broadcast** of web and twitter feeds

Metropolitan - 2 November, Community Forum – Revesby Community Hall – **Revesby, NSW** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 6 November, School Visit and Community Forum – Hamilton Public School – **Hamilton, NSW** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 9 November, School Visit and Community Forum – Westfield Sports High School – **Fairfield West, NSW** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 13 November, Community Forum – Riverside Gardens Community Centre – **Douglas, QLD** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 14 November, School Visit – Tingalpa Primary School – **Tingalpa, QLD** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 22 November, School Visit – Emerald Primary School – **Emerald, VIC** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 22 November, Community Forum – **Whitehorse, VIC** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 23 November, Community Forum – St Marys RSL Club – **St Marys, NSW** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 11 December, School Visit and Community Forum - Umina Public School – **Umina Beach, NSW** (Minister Garrett)

Metropolitan - 17 December, School Visit - Cambridge Primary School – **Cambridge, TAS** (Minister Garrett, Senator Collins)

Metropolitan - 24 January, School Visit- Virginia Primary School - **Adelaide, SA** (Senator Collins)

***Regional***

Regional - 26 September, School Visit/community forum – Reece High School – **Devonport, TAS** (Minister Garrett)

Regional - 26 September, School Visit/community forum – Latrobe Primary School – **Latrobe, TAS** (Minister Garrett)

Regional - 27 September, School Visit/community forum – Cressy District High School – **Cressy, TAS** (Minister Garrett)

Regional - 27 September, School Visit/community forum – Mayfield Primary School – **Mayfield, TAS** (Minister Garrett)

Regional - 3 October, School Visit/community forum – Ravenswood Heights Primary School – **Ravenswood, TAS** (Prime Minister, Senator Jacinta Collins)

Regional - 5 November, School Visit and Community Forum – Bega Valley Public School – **Bega, NSW** (Minister Garrett)

Regional - 5 November, School Visit and Community Forum – Eden Public School – **Eden, NSW** (Minister Garrett)