

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

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

#### **Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0995\_13**

**Senator Mason asked on 14 February 2013, Hansard page 77**

#### **Question**

##### **National Secondary School Computer fund**

Senator MASON: If I could move on to the National Secondary School Computer Fund. Looking through the grants register, for the purpose of the National Secondary School Computer Fund it fell under both 2.5 Digital Education Revolution and 2.3 Schools Support Quality Outcomes. Why is that? There must be a reason for that. Mr Hehir: There are four elements to the Schools Support Fund..... Ms Paul: We could have taken you to all of those elements of the previous one. Senator MASON: No. I am happy to go with it on notice.

#### **Answer**

The Digital Education Revolution (DER) includes a range of initiatives which are providing access to new information and communication technologies (ICT) equipment for students in Years 9-12, support for school ICT infrastructure, online learning resources and teacher professional development. These initiatives are all different in nature and, therefore, sit under different grant program strands.

The DER appears at Outcome 2 with funding made available under Programs 2.5 DER and 2.3 Schools Support (Quality Outcomes).

The following element under the DER appears at Program 2.5:

- National Secondary School Computer Fund (non-government component). In line with other National Partnership agreements, funding to the government sector is provided in the Treasury Portfolio Budget Statement.

The following element under the DER appears at Program 2.3:

- the Online Curriculum Resources and Digital Architecture (Technical Infrastructure) initiative which provides support for national infrastructure and digital resources to support the Australian Curriculum and aligns with the broader aims of the Quality Outcomes Program.