

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 14 February 2013 , Hansard page 91

Question

Digital Education Revolution- NBN Rollout Areas

Ms Bloor: All that we can really offer is the number of schools that we estimate to be in the areas where the NBN is being rolled out. Senator MASON: So you cannot be any more specific than that about connections? Ms Bloor: No. Senator MASON: It is just what is in the area? Ms Bloor: Yes. Senator MASON: After 2013 and into 2014, is it possible to give the committee any information as to how many schools lie in the shadow of the NBN next year? Are there any projections for that? Ms Bloor: I do not believe that there are new rollout areas, but we can take that on notice.

Answer

The Department of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy has been consulted in the preparation of this response.

NBN Co's three year rollout plan (2012-2015) lists suburbs in which the company intends to commence construction within a three year period. However, the specific boundaries are progressively more defined closer to the commencement of construction. While the three year plan is updated annually, it does not provide specific timing. In that context, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is not able to provide the precise number of schools which may be in NBN rollout areas in 2014.

DEEWR has, however, provided a breakdown of the number of schools in areas where NBN Co is currently constructing or has completed construction of its fibre network in response to DEEWR Question on Notice EW1007_13.