

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2011-2012

#### Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No.EW0423\_12

Senator Mason asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 66.

*Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0651\_11.*

#### Question

##### Digital Education Revolution

Senator MASON: Good. Let's look at the other schools. In the department's answer earlier this year, on notice—EW0651\_11—the department mentioned that up to 129 schools fall within the 19 second release locations, the implication being that up to 129 schools might be connected next. Have the 19 second release locations been announced yet? Ms Bloor: Yes, they have, I believe. Senator MASON: Can you tell the committee what they are, Ms Bloor? Ms Bloor: No, I cannot. I do not have all of the second release or early release sites with me, but we can again confirm what those secondary release sites are, and the schools that fall within them. Senator MASON: So you are saying you can take this on notice? Ms Bloor: Yes.

#### Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has consulted with the Department of Broadband, Communications, and the Digital Economy in providing the following response.

NBN Co Limited has announced 19 locations for the next stage of its rollout on the mainland. These second release sites comprise 14 new locations and five sites adjacent to existing first release sites.

The new sites are:

- Victoria – Bacchus Marsh, South Morang (Melbourne)
- Queensland – Brisbane (inner north), Springfield Lakes, Toowoomba
- NSW – Riverstone (western Sydney), Coffs Harbour
- South Australia – Modbury, Prospect
- Western Australia – Victoria Park (Perth), Geraldton, Mandurah
- Northern Territory – Casuarina
- ACT – Gungahlin

The five existing locations getting an additional, adjacent rollout site are Minnamurra/Kiama Downs (Kiama) and Armidale in NSW, Townsville in Queensland, Brunswick in Victoria, and Willunga in South Australia. As the whole township of Willunga is already part of the rollout, the nearby area of Seaford/McLaren Vale will be the adjacent site.

In the Department's previous response to EW0651\_11, it was estimated that up to 129 schools fall within the second release locations. As NBN Co Limited is yet to publish detailed fibre footprints for the second release sites, the exact number of schools which will be located within the second release sites cannot be confirmed at this stage.