

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0478\_12**

**Senator Mason asked on 2/06/2011, Hansard page 70.**

**Question**

**Charging Of Fees For The Use Of DER Equipment**

Senator MASON: ... But just to go back a bit, how many complaints about the alleged charging of fees for the use of DER equipment has the department received, either directly from parents or via representations from parliamentarians? Ms Bloor: We have had a number of representations. I cannot give you the exact number but we have followed up in each case with the education authority and have made clear the limited circumstances in which the application of any sort of fee levied over the whole parent body is appropriate. Senator MASON: Ms Bloor, even on notice, can you let the committee know how many complaints the department has received? Ms Bloor: Yes.

**Answer**

**National Secondary School Computer Fund**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has received 25 questions regarding a parental co-contribution for the use of DER equipment.