

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

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

**Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0426\_13**

**Senator Mason asked on 31 May 2012 , Hansard page 63**

*Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW1221\_12*

**Question**

**Digital Education Program**

Senator Mason:.....At the last estimates, I asked if you knew roughly how many students there are in those eight secondary schools. That question was taken on notice—EW1221\_12. The answer I received was: According to information obtained from the My School website and from schools authorities, the total enrolment in schools providing secondary education (including secondary and combined schools) connected to the NBN as at the end of 2011, is 3598. That is right, is it not? Ms Bloor: Yes. Senator MASON: Of these 3,598 students, how many of them are secondary students in grades 9 to 12 who have received their computers under the DER program? Ms Bloor: I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations records indicate that at the eight (secondary or combined) schools connected to the NBN at the end of 2011, 1889 students were in years 9-12. Under the National Secondary School Computer Fund, a one to one computer to student ratio has been achieved nationally in Australian schools with students in years 9 to 12.