SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome **2**

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

Building the Education Revolution (BER)

I want to know the total number of jobs created under each program of the BER – that is, Primary Schools for the 21st Century, the National School Pride program and the Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools. How many jobs have been created in each of those particular programs?

Answer

For the purposes of the Building the Education Revolution Program (BER) the definition of jobs supported is: *the average daily number of on-site workers for the duration of the project*. Jobs supported information is collected at the time a project commencement is recorded or at the time of contracting. This information may be amended throughout the duration of a project as more accurate information comes to hand.

Construction jobs are not the only jobs being supported. There are flow-on effects to others sectors such as the suppliers of products, the legal industry, architects and designers, and the service industry.

It is not meaningful to aggregate BER jobs data at a national or state level, as work crews may move between projects, between schools or work on more than one project at a particular school. In particular, apprentices and trainees often move between employers and between jobs.

The list at **Attachment A** provides the number of reported jobs supported for each project under all three elements of the BER as at 30 September 2009.