

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0658\_11**

**Senator Mason asked on 21/10/2010, Hansard page 70.**

**Question**

**NON-PERFORMING BGAS OR STATE GOVERNMENTS**

Senator MASON—Has any money been sought from non-performing BGAs or state governments? Ms Paul—There is the withholding of \$75 million from New South Wales. That is the only action of this sort of nature taken under the agreement so far. Senator MASON—So there has been no action to recover— Ms Paul—Not so far. Senator MASON—Right. Under clause 10— Ms Paul—Of the BGA? Senator MASON—The BGA, yes. Ms Paul—Actually, we may have to correct that— Mr Manthorpe—Can I just clarify that there may be one or two schools in the non-government sector where there have been issues of insolvency. I do not want to go into the detail of that. Senator MASON—No, all right. Mr Manthorpe—Where we have needed to get— Ms Paul—We might have to take that on notice. Mr Manthorpe—Could I take that on notice to clarify that?

**Answer**

To date, the department has not had toundertake formal recovery of BER funds from an Education Authority (EA).

Where the department has become aware of issues, such as closed or insolvent schools, it has worked closely with the EA to ensure Commonwealth monies are recovered from insolvent or ceasing entities.