

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

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

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No. EW0717_13

Senator Scullion asked on 18 October 2012 , Hansard page 66

Question

Budget for Wadeye facility

Senator SCULLION: What was the original budget, then, for Wadeye, if you think there has been a bit of a blow-out? Mr Hansen: I do not actually have the budget for Wadeye. Senator SCULLION: Would you take that question on notice and provide me with a specific budget for the original budget. Mr Hansen: I could do that.

Answer

GHD was engaged by Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) to prepare a Technical Feasibility Study for a student boarding facility in Wadeye. The Report, published in May 2010, estimated an indicative cost of \$12,094,850 being required for the project. This amount excluded costs associated with procuring the land and costs to Aboriginal Hostels Limited in managing the delivery of the project.

On 25 June 2010 the Department entered into an agreement with AHL to provide funding of \$12,115,850 for the construction of the Wadeye boarding facility. The project was scheduled for completion by 30 April 2012.

As detailed in DEEWR Question No. EW0718_13, the contract was varied on 27 October 2011 and again in 3 April 2012.

The final construction cost of the Wadeye boarding facility was \$14,236,000.