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Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Question

Incomplete BER projects by state

Senator FURNER: Firstly, I am wondering how many BER projects are left in Queensland for completion? It does not have to be exact; you can give me a rough idea. Ms Smith: There are 87 projects nationally. We are just obtaining the information you require. There are 87 projects yet to complete nationally. They are all P21 projects. Senator FURNER: So you are not certain off the top of your head how many are left in Queensland? Ms Smith: We can get that for you shortly. We just do not have a total, at the minute, by state. Senator FURNER: I will put that on notice—if I could just have a state-by-state breakdown

Answer

As at 31 December 2012, there are 44 projects yet to complete under the Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) element of the Building the Education Revolution. The State breakdown of projects yet to complete is:

- Queensland – 1 project;
- New South Wales – 30 projects;
- Victoria – 12 projects;
- Australian Capital Territory – 1 project.

Of these, 19 are enhancement projects in NSW schools with special purposes. Education authorities also provide the Department with a range of reasons as to why projects are not complete. For example, the need to re-tender projects due to increased project scope; to achieve better value for money; allowing schools to self-manage their projects; a shortage of local tradespeople.