

**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. EW0737\_13**

**Senator Nash asked on 18 October 2012, Hansard page 92**

**Question**

**Demountables in NSW Government Schools**

Senator NASH: If you could do that for me, that would be great. Perhaps I will get you to take all of this on notice, if you would not mind. What I am trying to get an understanding of is how many of the demountables are located in regional and remote schools. Senator Jacinta Collins: Senator Nash, are you just interested in government schools or non-government schools as well? Senator NASH: If I could have both, that would be— Ms Paul: We will have to go to them. We would not hold this information necessarily, but we can take it on notice and see what we can find. ... Senator NASH: Would you mind taking on notice for me the break down—which of them replaced demountables, to the extent that you can? Ms Smith: We would need to ask the education authorities. We do not hold that data ourselves. Ms Paul: We will see what is possible.

**Answer**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) does not hold information on demountable buildings in NSW government schools.

The New South Wales Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has advised DEEWR that:

- As at 30 October 2012, 4206 demountable buildings were located in NSW Government schools.
- Approximately 1300 demountable buildings were replaced under the Building the Education Revolution program.

NSW DEC further advised DEEWR that to determine how many demountables are located in regional and remote schools would involve considerable time and the diversion of resources away from NSW DEC's core responsibilities.