

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. EW0739_13

Senator Mason asked on 18 October 2012 , Hansard page 94

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Question

DER- current connection speeds

Senator MASON: That one regards the current connection speeds of all the schools around Australia, doesn't it? Ms Bloor: Yes, it does—all sectors at state and territory level. Senator MASON: But that is all schools. Ms Bloor: Yes. Senator MASON: Do you have that in relation to just secondary schools? Ms Bloor: I am not sure that we do. We will check. Again, we will have to ask education authorities if they are prepared to let us provide it, but we can certainly take that on notice. Senator MASON: Can you take it on notice? Ms Bloor: Yes.

Answer

The following figures indicate broadband capacity in schools providing secondary education (including secondary and combined schools) from all sectors at a state and territory level. These figures include capacity available on fibre, copper, wireless, satellite and other types of technology providing broadband connectivity to schools. The data is based on a response rate of 95.2 per cent to the 2010 schools connectivity survey which is the most recent available across all sectors. Recent information available to the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations suggests that in some jurisdictions higher capacity is now available.

Table A: State and Territory Level Data for Schools Providing Secondary Education

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Capacity available (Mbps)	Number of schools connected	Number of schools connected	Number of schools connected	Number of schools connected	Number of schools connected	Number of schools connected	Number of schools connected	Number of schools connected
≤ 4	1	267	78	626	170	36	60	141
5-20	8	721	30	148	109	89	596	229
21-50	-	17	-	12	2	5	75	8
51-100	-	15	5	7	8	4	4	9
>100	31	7	-	9	1	1	-	2
Unknown	1	6	11	-	-	1	18	3
Total	41	1033	124	802	290	136	753	392