

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Question

BER - Unfinished P21 Projects by round

Senator MASON: I do not think these are highly controversial questions. This is about unfinished Primary Schools for the 21st Century projects. I think you know what questions I will be asking. Have the remaining 158 primary schools for the 21st century projects been completed yet? Ms Riggs: We have 87 P21 projects yet to complete nationally. Senator MASON: How many in round 1 remain to be completed? Ms Smith: We may need to take that on notice, Senator. Senator MASON: You don't have that? In the past I think the department has had that information. I was going to ask—and I have asked this several times of the department before—how many in round 1 still remain to be completed, round 2 and round 3? I have asked that question on quite a few occasions, I think. Ms Smith: We have a list of those that remain to be completed, but not by round. We can give it to you on notice.

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:

- Round 1 – 6 projects
- Round 2 – 14 projects; and
- Round 3 – 24 projects.

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.