

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 2  
INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PROGRAM**

**QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT HEARING**

On Wednesday 30 June 2010, Dr John Kaye, asked the following questions at the inquiry into the building the education revolution program.

**QUESTION**

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Will you provide the committee on notice with the exact dollar amounts and quantities that went through the contracts that you managed with respect to MDRs?

**MR B. BAKER:** In terms of the total cost?

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Total cost for each contract.

**MR B. BAKER:** We can do that, yes.

**ANSWER**

Please refer to answers provided to the questions asked by Dr John Kaye MLC as "additional questions on notice" .

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On Wednesday 30 June 2010, The Hon. Christine Robertson asked the following questions at the inquiry into the building the education revolution program.

**QUESTION**

**The Hon. CHRISTINE ROBERTSON:** Do you know much about substation upgrades that were raised earlier today? Will you take on notice and supply us with information about it?

**MR B. BAKER:** What particular information?

**The Hon. CHRISTINE ROBERTSON:** I know that the substation upgrades have been required by schools progressively across the State as they have increased their information and technology. Despite what we heard earlier, quite a few primary schools are actually looking at giving all of their year 5-6 students at least full-time computers. I do know there is a heavy demand.

**The Hon. CHRISTINE ROBERTSON:** We heard evidence earlier from a person from one of the schools who was concerned that money had been taken from their budget for a substation upgrade?

**MR B. BAKER:** Right.

**The Hon. CHRISTINE ROBERTSON:** Will you take it on notice to provide to the Committee an overview of the situation with substation upgrades across the school sector, if you have been involved in that?

**MR B. BAKER:** I can mention very briefly that our role has been primarily a technical role in assessing whether an upgrade is required and, if it is, actually procuring that upgrade. We can take that on notice.

**ANSWER:**

An overview of the situation with substation upgrades across the schools sector. Under the BER, the role of DSTA has been:

- P21 program – investigation with energy supply authorities on whether substation upgrades would be required at each P21 locations. Any upgrades required were managed through the IPO. DSTA provided advice to the IPO for use in assessing prices for upgrades.
- Science and Language Centres - investigation with energy supply authorities on whether substation upgrades would be required. Management of design and procurement of new substations where required. Requirements were 19 new substations and 5 substation modifications.

  
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On Wednesday 30 June 2010, The Hon. Greg Pearce asked the following questions at the inquiry into the building the education revolution program.

**QUESTION**

**Mr B. BAKER:** We have electrical engineers who regularly work with the Education department looking at loads on the site and looking at what might be happening in the local area with the supply authority, and then determining the upgrade that is required. Normally with the Education department we would procure the supply upgrade, so dealing with the supply authority.

**The Hon. GREG PEARCE:** Have you done that in relation to these BER projects?

**Mr B. BAKER:** A number of them we have—I think approximately 24.

**The Hon. GREG PEARCE:** So you would be able to give us a list of those and the cost of procurement of those?

**Mr B. BAKER:** For the 24 I am aware of, we could give you the details of the location and the cost.

**The Hon. GREG PEARCE:** And you could check if there are any others that you are not aware of.

**Mr B. BAKER:** I could check for ones we might be involved in, most certainly.

**ANSWER:**

Under the BER supply upgrade projects which the Department of Services, Technology and Administration managed the design and procurement of were all related to Science and Language Centre projects.

They are:

<b>School</b>	<b>Work Description</b>	<b>Contract Amount \$</b>
Ashcroft High School	New Substation	136,188.80
Chifley College – Mount Druitt Campus	Substation Modification	24,868.80
James Meehan High School	Substation Modification	24,395.80

St Johns Park High School	Substation Modification	24,395.80
Fairfield High School	Substation Modification	28,916.80
Chester Hill High School	New Substation	147,233.00
Punchbowl Boys High School	New Substation	232,522.00
Glen Innes High School	New Substation	138,270.00
Manilla Central School	New Substation	156,427.66
Quirindi High School	New Substation	112,977.66
Narrabri High School	New Substation	105,827.66
Wollumbin High School	Substation Modification	32,230.00
Bonalbo High School	New Substation	177,327.66
Hillston Central School:	New Substation	85,473.25
Junee High School:	New Substation	40,435.25
Lake Cargelligo Central School	New Substation	76,942.25
Tumbarumba High School	New Substation	118,360.25
Coolah Central School	New Substation	97,997.00
Coonamble High School	New Substation	93,063.00
Dunedoo Central School	New Substation	88,691.00
Gilgandra High School	New Substation	173,371.00
Narromine High School	New Substation	101,285.00
Peak Hill Central School	New Substation	121,158.00
Warren Central School	New Substation	69,997.00

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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**QUESTION:**

On Wednesday 30 June 2010, Dr John Kaye MLC asked the following questions at the inquiry into the building the education revolution program.

1. Please name each of the contractors provider Modular Design Range goods to the BER
2. For each of these suppliers, please provide:
  - (a) the total dollar value to date of good provided to under the BER
  - (b) the total quantity of goods provided to date of good provided to under the BER
3. For each of these suppliers please provide:
  - (a) the total dollar value of goods supplied to NSW DET schools and TAFE colleges in the year before the BER contract.
  - (b) the total quantity of goods supplied to NSW DET schools and TAFE colleges in the year before the BER contract.
4. For each of these suppliers please provide:
  - (a) The date on which the contract for supply of MDR goods commenced
  - (b) the total dollar value of goods supplied to NSW DET schools and TAFE colleges in the period prior to the BER commencing
  - (c) the total quantity of goods supplied to NSW DET schools and TAFE colleges in the period prior to the BER commencing.

**ANSWER:**

1. The contractors engaged under the Department of Services, Technology and Administration (DSTA) contract for supply of Modular Design Range Buildings – Schedule of Rates Contract 0602648 – are:
  - Bendigo Relocatable Buildings P/L (BRB)
  - Nomad Manufactured Buildings P/L (Nomad)

The Integrated Program Office (IPO) also has a contract for supply of Modular Design Range Buildings for the BER. For information relating to this BER supply contract please refer to the IPO office.

2. (a) DSTA, BER total dollar value:
  - BRB - \$38,006,302.65
  - Nomad - \$18,829,769.79
- (b) DSTA, BER total quantity of goods:
  - BRB - 112
  - Nomad - 53
3. (a) total dollar value year prior to BER
  - BRB - \$2,441,065.00
  - Nomad - \$1,467,029.71
- (b) total quantity year prior to BER
  - BRB - 8 buildings
  - Nomad - 5 buildings
4. (a) Contract commencement date was 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007
- (b) Total dollar value of goods under contract prior to BER
  - BRB - \$7,198,488.44
  - Nomad - \$3,531,870.95
- (c) Total quantity of goods supplied under contract prior to BER
  - BRB - 20 buildings
  - Nomad - 10 buildings

The BER program is still current and therefore the total costs continue to change.

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