



Australian Government
Department of Education and Training

Associate Secretary
Tony Cook PSM

Committee Secretary
Education and Employment – Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I am writing in relation to the Education and Employment – Legislation Committee's 2015-16 Budget Estimates hearing on Thursday 4 June 2015.

I wish to correct a statement inadvertently presented in evidence to the Committee in response to a question from Senator O'Neill (page 118 of Hansard refers) concerning variance in commitments of resource allocation in 2015-16 and 2016-17 from the *Independent Public Schools (IPS)* initiative.

The funding variation between the two financial years is not due to a calendar versus financial year issue but the movement of funds from 2014-15 to 2015-16 due to Victoria's delay in meeting two of their IPS activity milestones.

I would appreciate if you could draw this fact to the attention of the Committee and apologise for any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Cook".

Tony Cook

25 June 2015