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Senator Carr asked on 18 February 2004, EWRE Hansard page 112

Question:

I understand that the company is also calling itself Advtech and it includes Crawford in its list of school divisions. I am wondering if you could assist me here about the current status and progress of the South African court case against the proprietor of Reddam House, Mr Graeme Crawford, who was reportedly sued for five million rand over alleged restraint of trade. Is that the same entity we are discussing?

Would it have any implications for the Australian version?

Answer:

Reddam House

To the Department's knowledge the South African court case against Mr Graeme Crawford reached an out of court settlement in September 2003.

The Department has no evidence that Advtech is related to the governing body of Reddam House, NSW. Mr Crawford was the founder of the Crawford schools in South Africa, but sold them to Advtech in 1997 and moved to Australia. Mr Crawford established Reddam House in 2001 with no connection to the schools in South Africa. The proprietor and governing body of Reddam House is the incorporated body, Reddam House Ltd.