

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

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DEEWR Question No. EW1091_09

Senator Ronaldson asked on 25 February 2009, EEWL Hansard pages 19 & 20

Question

Geelong Grammar School – Positive Education Conference 2009

Senator RONALDSON – But you will give me the information, Ms Paul –

Ms Paul – We can take it on notice

Senator RONALDSON – in relation to the correspondence between the department and the school?

Ms Paul – Sure

Senator RONALDSON – And any phone discussions between the grammar school and the department in relation to Professor Seligman's time in Australia.

Ms Paul – we are happy to take on notice the trail of interaction; that is fine

These questions were asked in the context of discussion of Australian Government support for the Positive Education Conference 2009 run by Geelong Grammar School in January 2009.

Answer

There was ongoing interaction in writing, through meetings and by telephone with Geelong Grammar School. The key interactions were:

May 2008

- A meeting was held between departmental officers, Professor Seligman and Mr. Meeks, Principal Geelong Grammar School to discuss Geelong Grammar's proposal for a Positive Education Conference 2009.
- Following the meeting the department received a written proposal from Geelong Grammar to deliver a training course during January 2009.

July 2008

- Funding for a partial contribution in support for the proposal was approved in July 2008 under the Quality Teaching Program.

August 2008

- The department commenced contract negotiations with Geelong Grammar School from August 2008.

End September 2008

- Funding Agreement with Geelong Grammar School for teacher workshops signed.