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Ms Louise Gell  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional  
Legislation Committee

Attn: Ms Julie Dennett  
Senior Research Officer

Dear Ms Gell

**Inquiry into the provisions of the Sex Discrimination Amendment (Teaching Profession) Bill  
2004**

I write in reference to today's hearing on the above Bill. While I have not seen the Hansard yet, I thought it might be useful to amplify one element of my evidence. I think Senator Bolkus asked whether the main purpose of the Bill was to allow authorities who employ teachers to offer gender-specific scholarships; or whether the Commonwealth had the intention also to offer scholarships. As I said in my evidence, the main purpose of the Bill is to allow employing authorities to offer gender-specific scholarships, but I am also advised that the Department has done some work on scholarships which potentially could be used in Government decision making processes.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary  
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