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Senator the Hon. Simon Birmingham  
Minister for Education and Training  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Minister

I note that the Department of Education and Training will be briefing me on the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017 on Monday 22 May.

As this bill seeks to enact substantial changes compared to the current arrangements, I ask that before the briefing the Department provide me with the following:

- Estimated Commonwealth funding for each approved authority by each calendar year from 2017 to 2027 (total and per student), and the proportion of SRS that will be paid by the Commonwealth to each approved authority by each calendar year from 2017 to 2027.
- Estimated rate of indexation underlying the modelling and figures released, for each year from 2021 to 2027. • 2
- The proposed level of the new Students with Disabilities loading for the supplementary, substantial and extensive levels of adjustment by each calendar year from 2017 to 2027. • 3
- The number of students estimated to receive the disability loading each year over the forward estimates, at each of the adjustment levels, by state and for each approved authority.
- The estimated amount that each state and each approved authority will receive under the students with disabilities loading proposed in the *Australian Education Bill 2017* and the amount each state and territory would receive under the students with disabilities loading currently in the *Australian Education Act 2013*, for each of the years over the forward estimates.
- A copy of the proposed regulations, as I note that a considerable amount of detail is proposed to be included in the regulations, rather than the legislation.
- Draft Heads of Agreement with states and territories on education reform principles.

If any of these requests cannot be met I ask that the Department discuss this with Kimberley McDonald in my office on (02) 6277 4404, prior to the briefing on Monday.

Yours sincerely



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CC: Dr Michele Bruniges AM – Secretary – Department of Education and Training