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Dr S Batge
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Education,
Employment and Workplace Relations
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Batge

I write to provide responses to a number of questions that we took on notice following our appearance before the Senate Inquiry into the Primary Schools for the Twenty First Century (P21) in Melbourne on Monday 17 May 2010.

Under the P21 program the total funding received by Catholic Capital Grants (Vic) Ltd (CCG (Vic) Ltd) for Catholic schools in Victoria is \$749,500,000. This year CCG (Vic) Ltd has received funding of \$22,347,055 for the Capital Grants Program from the Commonwealth Government as defined under the Schools Assistance Act 2008. The total P21 funding equates to approximately 34 years of funding under the Capital Grants Program.

In respect of the request to provide further information on our indicative or expected costs/m2 pre the P21 Program and the net and gross costs/m2 being delivered under the P21 Program I offer detailed information outlined in attached Appendix 1.

I ask that you consider the information contained in Appendix 1 with reference to the following points:

- We are delivering a wide variety of buildings to diverse specifications of quality and complexity across a large geographic area subject to differing site constraints
- We believe we have obtained value for money in all projects under the P21 program, however value for money cannot be determined solely on the cost/m2 of construction because of the diverse project circumstances.
- Any direct comparison of cost information across states and sectors should be done with caution because of the variety of factors that can influence building costs
- The P21 costs are drawn from a sample of projects and based on the best information available at this time. These costs will be adjusted as the projects are completed.
- Our actual P21 costs are an average only and it should be noted that projects will vary, both above and below, from the indicated average costs
- The area measurements used are Gross Floor Area (GFA)
- Our costs are exclusive of the Goods and Services Tax

I trust that this information is of value to you.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Elder SECRETARY

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Attach.



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APPENDIX 1:

	CATHOLIC CAPITAL GRANTS (VIC) LTD			
	Pre-P21 Indicative Costs New Construction Rates		P21 PROGRAM AVERAGE COSTS/M ² NEW CONSTRUCTION RATES	
	Building Costs/M2 Inclusive of all builders preliminaries, overheads, profit, site establishments, site services, contingencies	ALL UP Costs/M2 Building costs plus all professional fees, charges, loose furniture & equipment, external works	Building Costs/M2 Inclusive of all builders preliminaries, overheads, profit, site establishments, site services, contingencies	ALL UP Costs/M2 Building costs plus all professional fees, charges, loose furniture & equipment, external works
Library	\$2,340 - \$2,540	\$2,925 - \$3,175	\$2,602	\$3,060
Multi-Purpose Hall	\$1,760 - \$1,910	\$2,200 - \$2,385	\$1,938	\$2,221
Classroom Buildings	\$1,870 - \$2,070	\$2,335 - \$2,585	\$1,923	\$2,327
Flexible Learning Centres	\$1,870 - \$2,070	\$2,335 - \$2,585	\$1,923	\$2,327
Student Amenities	\$2,900 - \$3,100	\$3,650 - \$3,850	No stand alone facility - Included in the above costs	No stand alone facility - Included in the above costs
Admin/Staff Areas	\$2,240 - \$2,440	\$2,850 - \$3,050	No stand alone facility - Included in the above costs	No stand alone facility - Included in the above costs
Enclosed Travel Areas	\$1,500 - \$1,650	\$1,910 - \$2,060	Separate cost data not available- Included in the above costs	Separate cost data not available- Included in the above costs
Unenclosed Travel Areas	\$600 - \$750	\$765 - \$935	Separate cost data not available- Included in the above costs	Separate cost data not available- Included in the above costs

^{*} Please refer to clarifications outlined in covering letter.