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Senator Bridget McKenzie
Chair, Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator McKenzie,

Inquiry into the Australian Education Amendment Bill 2017 – Clarification of point made during principals' panel on 5 June

I am writing to clarify my statement made in response to a query from Senator Collins during the principals' panel. Hansard records (page 44):

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Do you think that the capacity to contribute changes should be adjusted ahead of a review?

Mrs Spiller: No, we do not.

On reading Hansard I believe Senator Collins may have been referring to the SES/CTC changes for primary level entitlements as proposed under the Amendment Bill, or that her question may be interpreted in that way, and that this may lead to a misinterpretation of my response.

AHISA believes the amendment to adjust the anomalous SES/CTC curve for primary SRS base entitlements should be passed by the Senate as an element of the Amendment Bill. We believe there should be no adjustment to the *measurement* of capacity to pay, that is, by SES score, or to the calculation of SES scores until such time as a full funding review can be held after the passage of the Australian Education Amendment Bill. We see this timing as linked to the availability of 2016 Census data.

Yours sincerely,

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