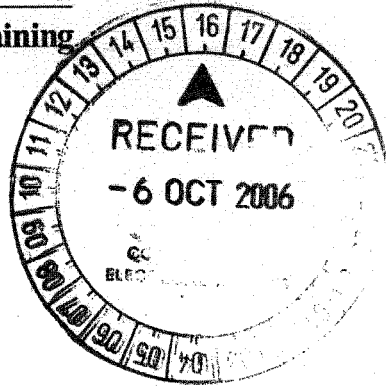




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**RESPONSE TO INQUIRY INTO CIVICS AND ELECTORAL EDUCATION**

Dear Ms Palmieri *Sonia*

Thank you for sending the draft record of evidence given to the Inquiry into Civics and Electoral Education.

At the hearing I undertook to provide additional information requested by the Committee. This is outlined below.

Senator Carr asked for dates of consultations between the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) and the offices of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives about the amalgamation of the Citizenship Visits Programme (CVP) and the Education Travel Rebate (ETR). Consultations were ongoing with both the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives throughout the development of the new policy proposal.

Senator Hogg requested analysis of access by remote communities of the program over the last twelve months. DEST does not hold data for the Citizenship Visits Program as this program was administered by the Serjeant-at-Arms. The Education Travel Rebate was administered by DEST; however, this was available only to schools less than 1000 kilometres from Canberra.

Senator Hogg asked if any submissions were received from State or Territory Ministers regarding access to the PACER programme for their remote communities. No submissions have been received from State and Territory Ministers regarding access to the PACER programme for students in remote communities.

Yours sincerely

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