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Committee Secretary
 Standing Committee on Family and Human Services
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STANDING COMMITTEE
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 on Family and Human Services

Re: Supplementary information for the Inquiry into Balancing Work and Family

At the Public Hearing held on Tuesday 2nd August 2005, the Institute was asked to provide additional information regarding the education level of lone and couple mothers.

The following table provides the most recent data on this topic.

Highest education level, couple and lone parent mothers, 2001

Female education	Lone parent	Couple parent	Total
Bachelor degree or higher	10.5	18.4	16.8
Other post secondary	26.3	27.6	27.3
Completed year 12, no postsecondary education	13.1	16.6	15.9
Incomplete secondary education or lower	48.7	36.5	38.9
Not stated	1.4	1.0	1.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.00

Source: ABS 2001 Census, one percent sample files.

Mothers defined as women with dependent children aged less than 15 years or with dependent student aged 15-24 years.

If the committee requires any further clarification of this issue, please contact me on (03) 9214 7804.

Yours sincerely,

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