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EofB Inquiry (Exh 1)

GENDER SUPREMACY IN SCHOOLS - GIRLS OR BOYS?

I have a daughter of 16 who - as commonly with girls - intends to waste her education for the alternative fancy that a life and wealth can be made from other means.

I have a son of 12 who - as a future family leader - has been disadvantaged by a sexist policy in HET primary schools which favours the promotion of girl students over boy students. My evidence?

- visiting the (female) staff room of my son's school (Farmer Primary) where I saw many posters advocating the (female) teachers to favour girls.
- hearing from my 2 - after he had endured this gender discriminating policy for a couple of years -
"Dad, why are boys so stupid?"
- the near absence of male teachers in pre-school and primary schools - I once visited a pre-school where my child was a member and was discomfited by the approach of pre-schoolers who wanted to hold my hand - I assume as I was the only male adult present.

What your inquiry is dealing with is the result of a gender policy that has advanced girls over boy students ~ especially in pre-school and primary schools. And I applaud this initiative.

I expect the rationale for such an inquiry is the demonstrated under-performance of boys in government schools (which my financial state has limited me to).

I respect the need to advance the life interests (and monetary rewards) of females but I object strongly when this is done at the cost of the life interests (and monetary rewards) of boy students.

Why? Males are the prime income source of any family ~ generally. Some fortunate double income families choose to advance the income potential of a female parent and voluntarily elect the role of the male parent to that of a secondary importance or even of house-husband. Nice if you can do it!

Solutions?

- 1/ Remove the gender bias to girls in schools.
- 2/ Enable male teachers to enter pre-schools and primary schools.

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How the above solutions are to be achieved should not be determined by "experts" but by those affected, especially teachers and parents.

Attached are articles for your information. A few deal specifically with "political correctness" but these are relevant as gender bias in schools developed therefrom.

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