

## **Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

#### **Outcome 3 - Employment**

**DEEWR Question No. CA0042\_13**

**Senator Scullion provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Shalom College**

Can the Department provide details of the current situation at Shalom College in Townsville?

#### **Answer**

Shalom Christian College is managed by Congress Community Development & Education Unit Ltd (CCDEU). CCDEU entered voluntary administration on 20 August 2012 with Deloitte being appointed as Voluntary Administrator.

On 8 November 2012, CCDEU entered a Deed of Company Arrangement (DOCA) following the agreement of creditors. The DOCA sets out the basis of payment to all creditors and the terms under which CCDEU will continue including a number of required governance changes. The Uniting Church has agreed to fund the restructure process and pay creditors in full.

The Department is continuing to work closely with the Administrators in relation to the continuing operation of Shalom Christian College. Following a request from the Administrator, Shalom Christian College has had their payments of recurrent grant funding varied to monthly to assist the school to manage their cash flow.

There has been an improvement in the number of approved ABSTUDY students attending Shalom College in term one.

The school has employed an ABSTUDY Officer, with experience from other schools in receipt of ABSTUDY payments, and an accountant to improve the financial management in the school.

Deloitte's role may be concluded by 30 June 2013 dependent on the appointment of a Principal and a Board of Directors.