

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1  
**Output Group:** 1.1 Funding for Schools

#### **DEST Question No. E845\_04**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

*Refers to DEST question E422\_04*

#### **Question:**

Please provide a list, and details, of private schools that have changed ownership since 1996, with details of old and new owners and of financial arrangements as disclosed to, or the business of, the Commonwealth

#### **Answer:**

*Schools changing ownership*

Non-government schools are obligated to notify the Department when they propose to change their approved authority (the body principally responsible for the school). The new approved authority must:

- meet the requirements of the legislation before it is recognised by the Australian Government;
- provide evidence that it is incorporated and its constituent rules must demonstrate that it has the power to run a school and that the school is not operated for profit;
- enter into an Agreement with the Commonwealth. If there are any obligations of the existing approved authority that have not been fulfilled, and the new body has agreed to fulfill those obligations, a Deed of Novation between the existing approved authority, the new approved authority and the Commonwealth must be signed.

A list of schools that have changed their approved authority since 1996 is at Attachment A.