

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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

#### **DEST Question No. E004\_05**

Senator Carr asked on 1 June, 2004, EWRE Hansard pages 97-98.

*Refers to DEST question E713\_04*

#### **Question:**

Have you looked behind that? Have you established any of the details relating to the company of Reddam House Holdings Pty Ltd?

#### **Answer:**

*Reddam House Holdings Pty Ltd*

The Department currently recognises Reddam House Limited (RHL) as the approved authority of Reddam House (the school). RHL is an Australian Public Company, limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

To be eligible for Australian Government recurrent funding it is a requirement under the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000* (the Act), that a company provide evidence of its incorporation, that it has the power to conduct a school and is not conducted for profit. The rules governing the incorporated body must also include provisions relating to it being wound up. RHL has met these requirements. Persons authorised to sign on behalf of RHL are Graeme Crawford, Director, George Balios, Principal and Ian McLeod, Secretary.

In addition, RHL must provide financial accountability each year, in the form of a certificate signed by an accountant, to the effect that funds have been spent, or committed, for the purposes for which they were provided. RHL is also required to submit a Financial Questionnaire which specifies all gross income received by the authority in operating the school and in providing activities for the students enrolled and all gross expenditure (whether of a recurrent or capital nature).

As Reddam House Holdings Pty Ltd (RHH) was not the applicant for the new school proposal, it was not investigated previously. An ASIC search has been conducted and revealed that RHH is an Australian Private Company, limited by shares. The two companies are separate legal entities with separate ABN numbers, separate financial accounting requirements and the Directors are the same for both entities. There appears to be no legal connection between the school and RHH, except both entities share the same trading address.