Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Question

KORMILDACOLLEGE

- (a) "Is it true that on 26 November 2009, KormildaCollege was advised by DEEWR that they would not be eligible for the IFG in 2010?
- (b) On what grounds was that decision made?
- (c) How can the decision in the Kormilda College case be reconciled with the statement made by the Deputy Prime Minister speech to the Sydney Institute on 15 April 2010 which reads, "While enrolments will always change and students will move in and out of schools, no school will lose a dollar of funding in the sense that their school budget per student will not reduce in dollar terms"?"

Answer

Concerns Kormilda College have about funding under the IFG have been raised with the Department by the College and the Independent Schools Council of Australia. The Department is currently reviewing decisions made in relation to the IFG.