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Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

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Dear Mr Jones

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2010 to the Hon Julia Gillard MP, Minister for Education, regarding Digital Education Revolution (DER) funding. The Minister has asked me to reply on her behalf.

The Australian Government is committed to enriching the quality of education in Australia. This includes harnessing the potential of information and communications technologies (ICT) to transform teaching and learning. I am pleased to hear of the positive impact that the DER is having on your school.

The DER is a \$2.2 billion initiative over six years with funding committed from 2007-08 to 2012-2013. Following the attainment of a 1 to 1 computer to student ratio for students in Years 9 to 12 through the National Secondary School Computer Fund (the Fund) in 2011, funding will be provided by the Australian Government to contribute to the replacement of additional computers purchased through the Fund.

At the commencement of the program it was estimated that 30 percent of the computer fleet required to reach a 1 to 1 ratio nationally was already in existence. Education authorities have agreed that the Australian Government will fund the remaining 70 percent of investment and to maintain it into the future. It is expected that education authorities maintain their investment for ICT into the future.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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