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TO: THE PREMIER FOR CABINET SUB COMMITTEE

**RE: REMUNERATION FOR THE CHAIR – MINISTERIAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE:STUDENTS WITH DIASBILITIES**

1. PROPOSAL

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Ministerial Advisory Committee: Students with Disabilities (MAC:SWD) is established under Section 10 of the *Education Act 1972* to provide policy advice to the Minister regarding the education of children and students with disabilities.
- 2.2 The MAC:SWD is classified as a category 2 level 2 under the boards and committees remuneration framework, entitling the Chair to \$160 per four hour session and members to \$140 per four hour session.
- 2.3 Due to a historical arrangement, the current Chair of the MAC:SWD receives an annual fee of \$12,000 per annum in lieu of sessional fees. This fee is based on longstanding remuneration approved in 1999 by the former Minister for Education and Children's Services, the Hon Malcolm Buckby. This payment is met from the State Minister's Consultative Committee budget.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 In September 2006, I wrote to the Commissioner for Public Employment seeking a review of the existing fee arrangements for the Chair of the MAC:SWD. The CPE acknowledged that while there is a longstanding history of making annual payments to the Chair of the MAC:SWD, it is not considered appropriate that this arrangement continue. The Commissioner recommended the practice of paying one large lump-sum to the Chair of the Committee cease after the end of the chairperson's current term.
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- 3.3 Further advice provided to me by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet in December 2007 recognised that Ms Wallace is a high calibre individual with unique and specialised knowledge and, on that basis, suggested that an attraction/retention (A/R) allowance could be paid in addition to the above fees. Cabinet has approved five levels of A/R allowance, which are \$2,200, \$3,600, \$5,050, \$7,200 and \$10,000 per annum (Attach A).
- 3.4 It is considered appropriate to pay an additional A/R allowance of \$5,050 per annum to Ms Wallace in order to properly recognise her skills and the responsibilities associated with her position as Chair, MAC:SWD. Ms Wallace has been Chair since March 2004 and her expertise and professional advice is highly valued. In addition, it is considered beneficial to retain Ms Wallace's services for the upcoming negotiations and discussions for the renewal of the 2009-2012 funding agreement with the Australian Government.
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- 3.6 Pursuant to section 10(5) of the *Education Act 1972*, the A/R allowance requires the approval of the Governor.
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4. RECOMMENDATION

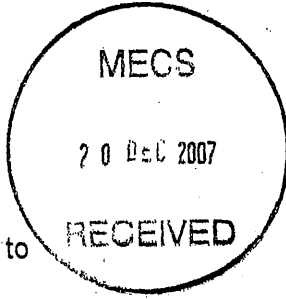
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To MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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On the basis that she is a high calibre individual with unique and specialised knowledge, it may be reasonable to pay an attraction/retention (A/R) allowance to Ms Wallace for the duration of her next term. Cabinet has approved five levels of A/R allowance, \$2,200, \$3,600, \$5,050, \$7,200 and \$10,000 per annum. The Governor will be required to approve the A/R allowance for Ms Wallace, as specified in section 10(5) of the *Education Act 1972*.

Please also note that the Department of the Premier and Cabinet will review the existing remuneration arrangements for all category 2 (sessionally paid) boards and committees in early 2008 in order to align these bodies with the classification framework that Cabinet approved on 10 December 2007. As part of the review, the Ministerial Advisory Committee – Students With Disabilities is likely to receive an increase in its sessional fees. A Cabinet submission containing the revised fees will be forwarded for Cabinet consideration once the review is complete.

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To: **THE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

Subject: **REMUNERATION ARRANGEMENT FOR THE
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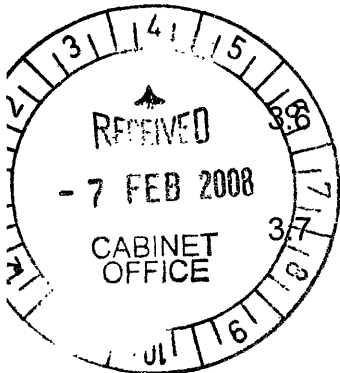
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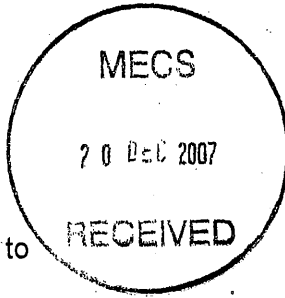
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