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Ms Rhia Victorino,
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Victorino,

Re: Inquiry into the provision of education of students with a disability or special needs.

In response to your letter dated 13 May 2010 please find our response to Dr Kaye's question on notice in regard to funding.

While Dr Kaye's proposition of the makeup of the funding allocation for non-government schools for students with disabilities is interesting, the actual allocation of monies is not identified as being on that basis. Therefore, it is not fair to assume that the receiving schools should be aware and correspondingly allocate the funds such. If this type of allocation were to occur then the funding for students with disabilities should be removed from the overall average and treated more specifically - this is not currently the situation. This is also over simplifying the entire funding picture and does not take into account the situation for special schools where all the children have disabilities and some non-government schools where there are few or no students with disabilities. The NSW Parent's Council believes that there should be more adequate funding provided to all students with disabilities and special needs, regardless of their school sector.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity of appearing before the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2 on behalf of our parents.

Kind regards



Anne Crabb
Executive Officer