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Hon John Gardner MP
Member for Morialta

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Ms Stella Emberson
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Dear Ms Emberson,

Thank you for your letter regarding the restructure and support of the English as an Additional Language (EALD) program. I acknowledge your advocacy for culturally and linguistically diverse students and the wider community.

While individual staffing allocations are a matter for the Chief Executive of the Department for Education, I can assure you that the program's restructure will strengthen the focus on learning outcomes for all students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and schools will continue to receive advice to best support EALD learners.

The restructure better aligns Cultural Liaison Officers with similar family and student support services within the department, allowing these staff to access a greater depth of leadership and collaborate with other service delivery teams. The appointment of a new Bilingual Community Manager position will also provide a coordinated approach to community liaison services and collaboration with EALD officers.

The appointment of the EALD and Literacy Program Manager position has provided further expertise and leadership in the evaluation and coordination of services that support leaders and teachers, and will continue to build the capacity of schools to meet the distinctive needs of EALD learners.

The department will continue to direct resources to schools based on their EALD learner achievement data. As such, there is no expectation that the nature and level of support provided to schools will change.

I thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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