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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



CHAPTER BRIEFING No. 2

DECKAS funding to be reviewed

QCOT and sector negotiation matters ongoing

Dear Colleagues

The continued collective strength of Early Childhood Education members is needed as we faced a number of developments in matters across the sector.

DECKAS funding review

The Queensland Government has announced its intention to review DECKAS funding for the sector arising from discussions at the recent Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting.

As a result, consultation is scheduled to take place from Monday, 2 July 2007 until Friday, 17 August 2007 with the Early Childhood Education sector including in regional areas.

Thus in the new term, QIEU members will be asked to provide input into this review to ensure that the needs of the Early Childhood Education sector are appropriately met.

QIEU will provide further details of the consultation process as soon as it is available and members are encouraged to attend whatever consultation opportunities are available in their local area to provide vital feedback to the review.

Representatives from QIEU will also form part of the reference group which guides the review.

Decision regarding DECKAS funding yet to be made

QIEU members may have heard of speculative information regarding the outcomes for the future of the Early Childhood Education sector as a result of the government's review. **Parties making those statements either have access to information which is not publicly available, or they are publishing opinions rather than facts.**

The Queensland government is yet to make any determination in relation to the future of our sector and DECKAS funding. To date the government has only released a "plan" which was presented at the COAG meeting. A copy of that plan can be obtained from the following web site, under the heading "human capital": www.premiers.qld.gov.au/policy/intergovt/coagmincnc/Communiques/COAG/13_April_2007/

QIEU will continue to inform members of the DECKAS funding review and the resulting outcomes for the sector.

Changes being considered by QCOT Board

QIEU members have continued to vigorously object to the proposed changes affecting the registration of teachers working in the Early Childhood Education sector. As a consequence of our continued pressure,

a number of changes are currently being considered by the Queensland College of Teachers (QCOT) Board and we await the outcome of its deliberations.

QIEU will seek further feedback from members on the latest QCOT Board proposals once they are made available. Members across the sector remain hopeful that the training and work of teachers in Early Childhood Education will be better recognised by the Board.

Negotiations on “reserved” matters and remote area employee issues

While QIEU has continued to pursue ACSEQ to negotiate on the “reserved matters” in the Early Childhood Education Certified Agreement 2006, the reticence of some employers to act in accordance with the commitment in the Agreement has been disappointing.

Some constructive discussions however, have occurred in relation to improved incentives for employees in remote areas. As a result members and employers in these centres will be forwarded a survey shortly in order to determine areas for improvement.

Following the survey, the QIEU Early Childhood Reference Group, which was formed last year by QIEU members from across the state, will meet to discuss the outcomes of the survey and assist in the development of negotiating positions based on the feedback received from members in remote areas.

Details of the next reference group meeting will be forwarded in the new term. Should you wish to be involved in the QIEU reference group, please complete the attached sheet.

Kind regards



**CHRISTINE COOPER
ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY**



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EARLY CHILDHOOD SECTOR CHAPTER FAXBACK

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REGISTRATION FOR QIEU REFERENCE GROUP

Yes, I would like to support the SBU negotiations by becoming a member of the QIEU Early Childhood Education reference group.

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