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Cc: MCKENZIE, Lyn; WALTON, Patrea
Subject: Notification of suspected breach of section 366 of the EGPA 2006

Dear Peter

I am emailing in my capacity as A/Child Safety Director DETA to advise you of a situation that I have become aware of which allegedly took place in a non-State school in Toowoomba regarding alleged sexual abuse of female students. I have attached a copy of a report from the *Weekend Australian* on 31 January for your information.

I can advise that the Minister for Education and Training has referred this matter to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board for investigation.

Please note that the Department of Education, Training and the Arts has no powers to investigate suspected breaches of section 366 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*. I have been advised by DETA's Legal and Administrative Law Branch that this suspected breach of the Act should be reported to the Queensland Police Service for further investigation. I have already spoken with Jo Henderson regarding this matter, and am forwarding this email for any necessary action.

I can also advise that the Executive Director, Catholic Education Office, Toowoomba indicated that he will be fully cooperating with the Police in the investigation of this matter.

Ms Lyn McKenzie, Assistant Director-General, Education Program and Services is responsible for matters related to non-State schooling, and would be available to provide further information about the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board, and progress with the investigation. Lyn can be contacted on telephone 3237 0121.

Regards
 Leith

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