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Mr David Southwick MP
Chair
Education and Training Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Dear Mr Southwick,

Thank you for your letter dated 22 March 2011 to my predecessor the Honourable Geoff Wilson MP, Minister for Education and Training, inviting the Queensland Department of Education and Training to contribute to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students.

The Queensland Government is committed to meeting the learning needs of gifted and high potential learners in state schools.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students submission.

In Queensland the Framework for Gifted Education and the Gifted and Talented Action Plan 2008 - 2010 provides policy advice to schools to support gifted students. Both of these documents are available online at the Department’s website at www.education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/inclusive/index.html.

The Department is currently undergoing a review and update of this policy to ensure it is aligned with current research. I look forward to learning of the inquiry’s findings into this very important area of education supporting our gifted and talented children and young people.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you can contact my Chief of Staff, Mr David Smith, on telephone (07) 3237 1000.

Yours sincerely,

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