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Dear Mr Emmel

Thank you for your emails of 23 September 2011 and 3 October 2011 concerning my announcement of \$41.2 million for Education Services Australia (ESA) to help teachers implement the new Australian Curriculum.

The funding includes the provision of digital resources to support learning areas in phase one (English, mathematics, science and history) and phase two (geography, languages and the arts) of the Australian Curriculum as well as the cross-curriculum capabilities. The new funding for digital resources covers support activities until mid-2013 only, ahead of the development of the Australian Curriculum for phase three learning areas.

* While the funding I announced for ESA does not include the phase three learning areas, Education Ministers have prioritised the development of curriculum in health and physical education (HPE) during this phase which will assure it an appropriate place in the education program of all schools. It would, however, be premature to develop resources for HPE or other phase three learning areas before the development of the Australian Curriculum in these areas.

I welcome the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation's interest in the development and implementation of a high quality Australian Curriculum for HPE. I encourage your continued participation in the process to develop this curriculum, as well as your feedback to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority on the draft shape paper when it is released for consultation next year.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Peter Garrett