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Mr David Morris MP
Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
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Dear Mr Morris

Thank you for your letter to the Hon. Peter Hall, MLC, Minister for Higher Education and Skills requesting further information following his attendance at the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee hearing on 21 May 2013. As your request relates to issues that fall within the responsibilities of Secretary of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

You have requested further information regarding the Department's contract with ACIL Allen Consulting (formerly ACIL Tasman) to deliver services to lead the work of the TAFE Transition Taskforce and to provide specialist expertise to assist the TAFE Reform Panel in advising government on future directions for a strong and sustainable TAFE sector. The specific request is in relation to a contract extension and the additional expenditure incurred.

I can confirm that a non-financial variation to this contract was approved in accordance with the Department's Procurement Policy on 25 March 2013. This extended the term of the contract to 26 April 2013. A financial variation of \$49,068 was approved in accordance with the Department's Procurement Policy on 24 April 2013 which extended the contract to 24 May 2013.

If you would like further information you may contact Ms Kym Peake, Deputy Secretary, Higher Education and Skills Group, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development on 9637 2621 or by email: peake.kym.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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