



**Hon Peter Collier MLC**  
**Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs**  
**Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council**

Your Ref: Petition No 17  
Our Ref: 34-31672

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr O'Brien

Thank you for your letter dated 25 February 2014 regarding Petition Number 17 – Opposing Fee for 457 Visa Holders.

Please be advised that changes to the *School Education Act 1999* are not required to allow the implementation of tuition fees for dependents of 457 visa holders.

Drafting of changes to the *School Education Regulations 2000* has commenced to enable dependents of persons granted a 457 Visa to be charged a tuition fee.

Additional changes to the Regulations will be required to allow dependents of 457 Visa holders to maintain their local enrolment entitlement, and to make provision for those parents experiencing financial hardship.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Kind regards

Hon Peter Collier MLC  
**MINISTER FOR EDUCATION**

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