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**Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Corrective Services**

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Hon Brian Ellis MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Ellis

Thank you for your correspondence dated 25 October 2012 regarding Petition 172 for the First and Second Click Computer Funding.

I note Ruah Community Services' concerns regarding the lack of continued funding for the First Click, Second Click program and acknowledge that the organisation has provided a valuable community service in supporting people with disabilities to obtain basic computer skills.

Since 2001, the First Click Second Click grants program has operated on an annual competitive tender process where organisations from across the State could apply for funding to provide computer literacy skills training to members of the community. Each funding period was for a maximum of 12 months only with no possibility of extension past this grant period.

In May 2012, the Department of Training and Workforce Development suspended the program for the 2012-13 financial year due to competing budgetary priorities. During this time, the Department will again review the program to determine the most effective and efficient way of delivering this type of training to the community.

As an interim measure I am advised that seniors, people with disabilities, migrants and others may be eligible to apply for Government subsidised introductory computing units in Certificate I in Information Technology and Business, offered by State Training Providers (STPs). Some STPs and community organisations may also provide introductory computing courses under adult and community education programs on a fee for service basis.

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To assist the community, the Department has also made available a downloadable version of the First Click Second Click learning resource package free of charge to any organisation or individual who may wish to use the resource. This resource is available at [trainingwa.wa.gov.au/firstclick/detcms/portal/](http://trainingwa.wa.gov.au/firstclick/detcms/portal/).

Hard copies of this resource will be made available to Ruah Community Services should they wish to continue to deliver basic computer training utilising other funding sources or volunteer tutors.

Yours sincerely



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