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MEDIA RELEASE

**NATIONAL REPORT ON SCHOOLING GIVES
A SNAPSHOT OF THE EDUCATION SECTOR**

The Chair of the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC), the Hon. Peter Collier MLC, today released the National Report on Schooling 2010, the annual national report on school education in Australia.

Providing a snapshot of the school education sector, the report shows that in 2010 over 3.5 million individual students were enrolled in schools across the government (65.6%), Catholic (20.3%) and independent sectors (14%). Among age groups, the report found that 98.9% of students aged 6 to 15 were enrolled in school, with 85.2% of 15 to 19-year-olds fully participating in education, training or work. As well, over 250,000 teachers were working in schools in 2010.

“This report gives us not just statistical information on Australian schools, teachers and students, but provides key information about the implementation of a number of initiatives that have affected schools right across the nation”, said Minister Collier. “The report also details the progress made towards a number of key educational goals, especially the progress made in 2010 towards the Educational Goals for Young Australians and the Commitment to Action for achieving them across eight interrelated areas expressed by Australian Education Ministers in the Melbourne Declaration of 2008.”

The report summarises national initiatives and achievements in schooling in these agreed areas, including the development of the Australian Curriculum, quality teaching and school leadership, increased transparency in school reporting through the *My School* website, national partnerships for education between the Australian and State and Territory governments and the National Assessment Program including NAPLAN.

The report has been developed, on behalf of Education Ministers, by ACARA in consultation with education authorities in all jurisdictions and the non-government school sectors. It can be accessed at www.acara.edu.au

Two further chapters on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education and Funding Australia’s Schools will be released progressively at a later date.

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