

Mr Mark Scott
35 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000



Dear Mr Scott

Complaint regarding the lack of a response by the NSW Department of Education to email correspondence

Fairness in Religions in School (FIRIS) is writing to lodge a complaint regarding the failure of the NSW Department of Education (the Department) to provide a significant response to correspondence.

Based on previous failures of representatives of the Department to respond to our correspondence (for example - see Attachment 1) and acting on earlier advice from the NSW Ombudsman, FIRIS is writing to you directly.

On 20 June 2017 FIRIS sent correspondence to Director, Early Learning and Primary Education (see Attachment 2).

At that point in time, according to FIRIS' records, there had been 17 versions of the list of approved SRE providers released by the Department with 27 amendments made over the course of the year.

Of the 27 amendments, ten have been the removal of a provider from the list, and four have been the temporary removal of a provider from the list for periods ranging from approximately 14 to 35 days.

Given that the Director has failed to provide a response, can you please provide FIRIS with information regarding the measures taken by you, your delegates, or any other representative of the Department (excluding principals), to communicate to principals amendments made to the list of approved providers, particularly the removal of a SRE provider from the list, which enable principals to ensure that only authorised representatives of approved SRE providers are accessing NSW Government school students.

FIRIS looks forward to your response.

With regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Morgan', written over a horizontal line.

Dr Darrin Morgan
on behalf of FIRIS

11 December 2018

**CC: Mr Jihad Dib – Shadow Minister for Education
Mr David Shoebridge (Greens MLC)**