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Expert panel for school funding review

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today announced the eminent Australians who will conduct the Government's historic review into funding of every Australian School and released the panels terms of reference.

Ms Gillard said the panel will be lead by chairman David Gonski AC, an eminent businessman and philanthropist who is also the chancellor of the University of NSW and chairman of the Australian Securities Exchange, Coca-Cola Amatil and Investec Bank.

The panel will also include Ken Boston AO, former Chief Executive of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority in the United Kingdom; Carmen Lawrence, former Federal minister and Premier of WA and current Professorial Fellow in the Institute of Advanced Studies at the University of Western Australia; Kathryn Greiner AO, Deputy Chancellor at Bond University and chairperson of Australian Hearing; and Peter Tannock AM, noted international educationalist and former vice-chancellor of the University of Notre Dame.

The panel reflects the widest possible range of experience and knowledge and is best placed to lead this historic piece of educational reform which will see school funding for government, Catholic and independent schools reviewed in time for the next funding agreement due in 2013.

The panel's draft terms of reference will now be open for comment until the end of May.

The draft directs the panel to examine all issues about how all Australian are funded and to make recommendations that will be directed towards achieving a school funding system that is transparent, fair, financially sustainable and effective in ensuring we have the best schools for Australian students.

Once the terms of reference are finalised, the review will be open and transparent, thorough and wide-ranging.

It will not be about taking money away from any school. All Australians will be given the chance to engage in this historic process.

The discussion paper is aimed at providing Australians with information about how schools are currently funded, issues that may influence future funding and questions that could inform the scope of the review. It also includes draft Terms of Reference. Once these are finalised, community comments and suggestions addressing the terms of reference are invited.

For more information on the review process and to submit your feedback to the draft terms of reference, go to

www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Programs/Pages/FundingReview.aspx

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David Gonski AC

- Chairman of Sydney Grammar School Foundation Limited and Chairman of Sydney Grammar School Trust
- Chancellor, University of NSW
- Chairman of the Australian Securities Exchange
- Chairman of Investec Bank Australia Limited
- Chairman, Coca-Cola Amatil

- Chairman of Sydney Theatre Company
- Previously President of the Art Gallery of New South Wales, a Director of the ANZ Bank and John Fairfax Holdings and Chairman of the Australia Council for the Arts.

Dr Peter Tannock AM

- Vice-Chancellor University of Notre Dame Australia 1992-2008
- Commonwealth Review of Teaching and Teacher Education 2002-03
- Chairman Ministerial Review of Interface Between Education and Training 2002
- Republican Delegate Australian Constitutional Convention (Canberra) 1998
- Chairman National Catholic Education Commission 1996-2001
- Deputy Chancellor 1990-93
- Chairman WA Football Commission 1989-98
- Member Senate UWA 1986-93
- Chairman Catholic Education Commission and Director Catholic Education WA 1985-92

Dr Ken Boston AO

- Chief Executive of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) in the United Kingdom in September 2002.
- Director-General Department of Education and Training (NSW) (formerly Department of School Education NSW) 1991-2002
- Managing Director TAFE NSW 1997-2002
- Foundation Chair Curriculum Corporation 1988-90
- Director-General Education SA 1988-91
- General Manager Education Planning and Policy Vic. 1987-88
- Regional Director Education Western Vic. 1983-87
- various positions teacher education 1964-83
- Awarded the title of Officer in the Order of Australia, for services to education and training

Kathryn Greiner AO

- Chairman, Australian Hearing
- Chairman, BioTech Capital Ltd
- Deputy Chancellor, Bond University
- Director, Bell Shakespeare Company
- Extensive experience with in the field of social work NSW Department of Health; the NSW Department of Youth and Community Services; and the Institute for Human Resources, Boise Idaho.

Hon. Dr Carmen Lawrence

- Professorial Fellow in the Institute of Advanced Studies at the University of Western Australia
- Premier of WA
- Federal Minister for Employment, Trade and Investment 1992-93
- Minister for Human Services and Health 1994-96
- Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Status of Women 1994-96