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Dear Mr O'Doherty

Thank you for your letter dated 15 March 2010 regarding the policy of the Non-Government Schools Registration Board in relation to the teaching of Science in non-government schools.

The Board has considered all correspondence received concerning this matter.

On the 22 July 2010, following its deliberations, the Board amended Policy B4 in the document *Non-Government Schools Registration Board: Policies (December 2009)*, page 4.

The amended policy is as follows:

B4. The teaching of Science

The Board requires the teaching of Science as an empirical discipline, focusing on inquiry, hypothesis, investigation, experimentation, observation and evidential analysis.

The Board is also considering the policy implications for curriculum in non-government schools of the introduction of the Australian Curriculum and the South Australian legislation reform as proposed in the *Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration, Accreditation and Standards) Bill 2009* and will consult with schools regarding any changes to curriculum requirements for registration.

If you would like to discuss with me any matter pertaining to the curriculum policies of the Board, please contact Ms Heather McDonald, Registrar on telephone 8226 1006 or email: Heather.McDonald@sa.gov.au to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely

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CHAIR
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