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Dear Carole

Re: Training of low allocation Career Advisers

I am writing on behalf of the organizing committee of 'Career Crossroads' – the 2008 Rural and Remote Career Conference, held earlier this month in Parkes NSW, to highlight an issue raised by delegates of the conference.

Of the 100 delegates, made up of school based Career Advisers (from Government, Catholic and Independent schools) and other Career Practitioners, many expressed their concern and dismay at information shared during the conference by low (0.1-0.2) allocation Career Advisers, who have stated that they have not received training in Careers and due to their low allocation as Career Advisers are not eligible to receive Department supported training.

The conference delegates wish to confirm with you firstly what the Departments policy is for training in Careers and what affect, if any, the allocation has on that, and secondly, reinforce its collective belief that training in Careers is vital for any person performing the Career Adviser role, maybe even more so in smaller schools and communities due to the narrower local opportunities for students.

Thank you for the opportunity to raise the concerns of Career Advisers and practitioners from Western areas of NSW, we look forward to your response so that we can pass it on to the 'Career Crossroads' delegates.

Yours faithfully,

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Career & Transition Support Officer

cc. Michael Clancy, NSW DET RVEC