



# Media Release

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## ISCA Strongly Supports BER

Comments made by the Executive Director of the Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA), Mr Bill Daniels to a Senate inquiry yesterday have been incorrectly reported by AAP as referring to ISCA's views on the Building the Education Revolution (BER).

ISCA has always been a strong advocate for the BER and the way it has been administered in the independent schools sector.

This view was made very clear to the Senate inquiry into Primary Schools for the Twenty First Century.

In the opening address to the Senate Committee yesterday Mr Daniels said:

*"The independent schools sector welcomes the significant capital investment in schools delivered through the BER and appreciates the opportunity for independent schools to build or upgrade school buildings through the various elements of the BER."*

With respect to the implementation of the BER in independent schools Mr Daniels said:

*"The decision by the Commonwealth to provide a separate allocation for independent schools and utilise independent sector Block Grant Authorities for administration has been instrumental in the successful implementation of the program for the sector."*

*"This implementation model is an example of the effectiveness of providing the independent sector with a specific share of program funding and the autonomy to implement the program within the sector."*

Reported comments incorrectly attributed to Mr Daniels implied that he was criticising the BER. They were in fact related to the administration of the National Partnership Payments.

National Partnerships are an entirely separate policy issue – and are not to be confused with the BER.

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NB: It is anticipated that a full transcript of the evidence given by Mr Daniels will be hosted on [www.aph.gov.au](http://www.aph.gov.au) after lunch this afternoon.

