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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil,*

I refer to Petitions 1974-12 and 1931-12 tabled in the Legislative Assembly regarding State Government support and funding of the biennial Fanfare Festival and Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Instrumental Music (MOST) programs.

Following a review of Queensland's financial position, the Government has committed to taking appropriate action to get the State's economic future back on track. This has included all Government departments re-examining service delivery and support services with a view to reducing costs.

As part of this examination, the Department of Education, Training and Employment had to identify services and associated support that were no longer required to deliver essential frontline services for our schools, training and employment programs.

As a result, the difficult decision was taken to discontinue future funding of the Fanfare and MOST programs, with a commitment to review arrangements once the State's financial position has recovered.

However, in recognising community support for both the Fanfare and MOST programs and the opportunity for musically outstanding students to participate in them, I am pleased to advise that through the development of a public-private partnership with AEG Ogden, both programs will continue in 2013 and 2014.

International venue management organisation AEG Ogden will provide \$150,000 over two years for these programs, as well as host the events at their venues. The organisation manages venues throughout the Asia Pacific region, including the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Cairns Convention Centre, Suncorp Stadium and the Brisbane Entertainment Centre at Boondall.

The partnership will see the Department of Education, Training and Employment coordinate and administer the programs and events, and AEG Ogden contribute the necessary funding.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Christopher Brandt, A/Executive Director, Community Engagement and Partnerships on telephone 3237 0474 or by email at christopher.brandt@dete.qld.gov.au.

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