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Rt Hon Anne Tolley  
Minister of Education  
Parliament Buildings  
WELLINGTON

Dear Rt Hon Anne Tolley

At the recent NASDAP Executive meeting, there was much discussion about issues that are affecting the daily lives of Assistant and Deputy Principals in New Zealand area and secondary schools.

These issues include:

1. Quality control mechanisms in outsourcing professional development. What procedures does the Ministry of Education use when they contract out professional development? It is of concern to our members that there is a lack of secondary school advisors in certain areas of New Zealand.
2. Contracts that are up for negotiation and/or renewal. It is felt that often schools hear too late and then a fait accompli occurs. Can you please tell us the procedures for discussing contracts?
3. From our perspective, it appears that there is often a mismatch between the strategic direction from the Ministry of Education and Tomorrows Schools.
4. Leadership Professional Development which has only recently been contracted for this year, having schools registering interest in November of 2010, yet not having received an overview of the programme as of yet.

NASDAP Executive discussed at length these issues and it was felt that I should contact you on our behalf, to seek answers. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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