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D.I DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

Section 200 of the *Dangerous Substances Act 2004* requires agencies to provide a statement on the number of notices of non-compliance serviced and the matter to which each notice related.

The Directorate did not receive any notices during the reporting period.

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D.2 MEDICINES, POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS

Section 177 of the *Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 2008* requires agencies to provide a statement on the number of notices of non-compliance serviced and the matter to which each notice related.

The Directorate did not receive any notices during the reporting period.

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‘Bandstravaganza’ displays public schools’ musical talent.



Each year students from across Canberra public schools perform in Bandstravaganza, an annual event, which provides motivation for children to engage in music activities, cooperative learning, social interaction and gain performance skills.

Bandstravaganza has been running for 25 years, with 1,310 students participating in 2014. It is an event that introduces students to a range of music styles from percussion ensembles to jazz and concert bands.

Speaking at the 2014 event on 17 November, Instrumental Music Program Principal Naida Blackley highlighted the growth of the event, saying “Back in the late 1970s when I was a student, the event was held at Manuka Oval with the musicians sitting on the concrete seats and the parents in the middle on the grass on their

folding chairs. How wonderful to have developed now into this grand performance over three nights in Canberra’s top music performance venue at the ANU School of Music.”



E.I INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS

Under section 22 of the *Education Act 2004* the Director-General must develop and implement a complaints policy for public schools. The *Complaints Policy* is available on the Directorate's website at http://www.det.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/policy_a-z.

The Director-General must also report each financial year about the number of complaints investigated.

During 2014-15 the Directorate received and responded to a large number of enquiries, concerns and complaints.

Where the concerns and complaints related to a public school they were usually referred to the principal of the school concerned for the principal to resolve the issue. On occasions the matter was referred to another area of the Directorate.

Five written complaints were received and investigated by the relevant areas of the Directorate.

The *Complaints Policy* provides that a person may seek a review of a decision about their complaint if they are not satisfied with the response.

During the reporting year one request was received for the review of a complaint decision.

The Directorate also responded to five approaches from external review agencies investigating complaints they had received during the reporting year.

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F HEALTH G GAMBLING AND RACING

These sections listed in the *Annual Report Directions* are not applicable to the Education and Training Directorate and so are not in this report.

Tuggeranong Sustainable Living Trade Training Centre supporting students to gain workplace skills.

Students in Tuggeranong now benefit from a linkage between the two Tuggeranong colleges and the five Tuggeranong high schools to access prevocational and Certificate 1 courses in hospitality, horticulture, construction and the automotive industry.

The recently opened \$8.1m Tuggeranong Sustainable Living Trade Training Centre (TSLTTC) will assist in addressing national and local skills shortages, while increasing the proportion of ACT students who achieve year 12 or an equivalent qualification. The colleges provide a specialist hub for three of the four qualifications and work in partnership with CIT and other training providers.



Students gaining Hospitality career experience on the Erindale College campus of the Tuggeranong Sustainable Living Trade Training Centre.



SECTION H Ministerial and Director-General Directions

H MINISTERIAL AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL DIRECTIONS

Agencies with responsibilities under the *Education Act 2004* must report on any Ministerial Direction and any direction given by the Director-General to a particular School Board.

There were no directions given by the Minister, or by the Director-General to a particular School Board under the *Education Act 2014*.

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I PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT PLANS J THIRD PARTY INSURANCE K VICTIMS OF CRIME L WASTE MINIMISATION CONTRAVENTIONS

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