



Ms Yvette Berry MLA  
Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
London Circuit  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister

This report has been prepared in accordance with section 6(1) of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004* (the Act) and in accordance with the requirements under the Annual Report Directions.

It has been prepared in conformity with other legislation applicable to the preparation of the annual report by the Education Directorate.

I certify that information in the attached Annual Report, and information provided for whole of government reporting, is an honest and accurate account of the operation of the Education Directorate, and that all material information on the operations of the Directorate during the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 has been included.

I hereby certify that risk management strategies have been implemented to address risks to the integrity of the Directorate, including the prevention of fraud and corruption, in accordance with the *Public Sector Management Standards 2006*, Part 2.

The annual reports of the following organisations are included in this report:

- the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies; and
- the ACT Teacher Quality Institute.

Section 13 of the Act requires that you present the report to the Legislative Assembly within 15 weeks after the end of the reporting year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Natalie Howson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Natalie Howson  
Director-General  
Education Directorate  
22 September 2017