

**Report on Minutes of Education Finance Board  
6<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

| Date            | Topic   | Decision   |
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| <b>06.09.06</b> | <b>Minutes of Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2006</b>   | Approved   |
|                 | A discussion took place regarding an article in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2006 edition of the Sunday Times, which dealt with aspects of the operation of the Board and its predecessor ad-hoc committee.   | It was agreed that in future only the Chairperson and the Secretary/Manager would act as spokespersons for the Board, unless the Board decides otherwise, in relation to any particular matter.  |
|                 | <p><b>Draft Criteria</b><br/>The Chairperson reported that he had referred the draft Criteria to the DES for legal advice including, if required, from the Office of the Attorney General. The DES had responded that they had no difficulty with the Criteria, save for a few minor suggestions. The DES did not see the need to refer the Criteria to the Attorney General.</p> <p>A revised draft of the Criteria, incorporating the amendments suggested by the DES, was circulated and approved. It was agreed that a document dealing with special cases and the determination of disputes would be discussed in the near future.</p> | <p>The Board decided that 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 would be target date for publication of the Criteria. It was also decided that briefing sessions would be arranged for representatives of the various support groups prior to publication of the Criteria.</p> <p>It was decided to review the Criteria after one year in operation.</p> |
|                 | <b>Finance Report</b>   | Noted  |
|                 | <p><b>I.T. &amp; Communications Requirements</b><br/>Tenders had been received and the contract awarded.</p>  | Approved.  |
|                 | <p><b>Staffing</b><br/>It was reported that the Minister had approved the appointment of the Secretary/Manager to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2006. The Chairperson reported that he was having discussions with the DES in relation to the appointment of extra administrative staff to the EFB.</p>  |  |
|                 | <p><b>Approvals and Appeals</b><br/>The Board approved funding for 86 applicants. No. of Approvals: 109<br/>3 Appeals.</p>  | Noted  |