

THE HON DAN TEHAN MP MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

Ref: MC18-006599

Mr Andrew Barr Chief Minister and Treasurer of the Australian Capital Territory GPO Box 1020 CANBERRA ACT 2601

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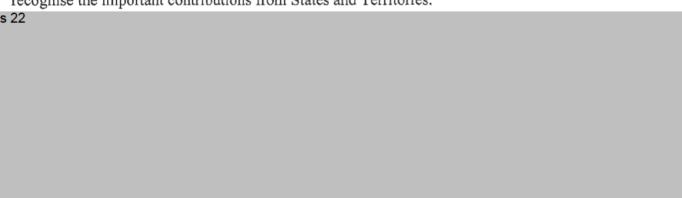
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