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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Assalamualiakum

Friday 17 November 2017

As you will recall, we have two matters before the courts at the moment. Both are drawing to a close. They are:

1. NSW Supreme Court in which we are taking action against the Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) for the repayment of money and property
2. Federal Court of Australia in which we are seeking the maintenance of our Commonwealth school funding

NSW Supreme Court

Last week we advised you that Justice Michael Ball had ordered AFIC to repay about \$22 million to Malek Fahd Islamic School. The orders were made with the consent of AFIC, which agreed to the payments without admissions.

The \$22 million is made up of almost \$10 million in payments that the school claimed should not have been made to AFIC, including amounts for rent, loans and service fees, and the transfer of the Beaumont Hills campus from AFIC to the School, which is worth about \$12 million.

Our total claim is for about \$45 million and proceedings continued this week. We expect that both parties will submit their final submissions by Monday next week. It may be sometime before we have a final judgement from Justice Ball, who will need to consider all the evidence ahead of a decision.

Federal Court of Australia

Both the Commonwealth and Malek Fahd completed their evidence to Justice John Griffiths on Wednesday (15 November). Justice Griffiths reserved his decision and we expect that it will be handed down in the near future.

We are pleased with progress to date and will keep you informed.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam

DR JOHN BENNETT

Chair