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Dear Madam

Samantha Maiden (*Schools' Fair Share, Sunday Mail 12/2/2012*) points out that government school principals were surprised by the financial data on the *My School* website because it included funds used to run head office services.

At Independent schools, government recurrent funding from both the Australian Government and State Government is distributed direct to the schools. Schools then have the opportunity to use the resources to support their objectives as they see fit. This includes payment of a membership subscription to the Association of Independent Schools SA (AISSA), which provides a wide range of support services to schools such as professional development, advice on legislative and regulatory matters, board governance, teaching and learning and industrial relations.

The services provided by AISSA are those determined by the member schools. This approach empowers Independent schools (within a government regulatory framework) to make decisions about how best to use the funds they receive within their strategic plans.

We work *with* and *for* schools. We do not direct them from a central office.

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