1. Non-State schools whose students use State Schools of Distance Education (SSDEs) do not pay for the service, despite the fact that those non-State schools receive State and Commonwealth Government funding for the students as if they were receiving their full general education program at the non-State school.
2. In March 2008, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was released to consult on and explain the need for fees for non-State schools in these instances and how the suggested fees had been calculated, and to evaluate the likely costs and benefits that may arise from their implementation.
3. As a result of the consultation process, a revised flat fee of $1000 per subject enrolment is proposed. This revised fee is calculated as a single flat fee that reflects approximately 50% of the average full cost recovery less fixed costs (e.g. building maintenance, depreciation and materials development costs) for providing any subject of distance education per student per annum which equates to $2012 per subject.
4. The proposed *Education (General Provisions) Amendment Regulation 2008* implements the preferred new fee structure to recover the costs incurred by the State for providing distance education services to non-State schools. The fees will be payable under section 52 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, which enables a fee to be charged for a component of a program of distance education (i.e. a subject).
5. Cabinet approved a proposal to charge $1000 per subject enrolment for non-State schools whose students undertake subjects by distance education through a State school.
6. Cabinet endorsed that the *Education (General Provisions) Amendment Regulation 2008,* which implements the proposed fee be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
7. Cabinet noted that the *Education (General Provisions) Amendment Regulation 2008* will be laid before the Legislative Assembly within 14 sitting days after publication in the Government Gazette.
8. *Attachments*
* [*Education (General Provisions) Amendment Regulation 2008*](attachments/Education%20General%20Provisions%20Amendment%20Regulation%20No%201.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](attachments/Education%20General%20Provisions%20Amd%20Regulation%20No%201EXPNOTES.pdf)
* [Regulatory Impact Statement](attachments/RIS%20Education%20General%20Provisions%20Amd%20Regulation%20No%201.pdf)