

Release of 2013 Information Pack

Brief list of issues raised in feedback received by HEA between 27 Aug & 2nd Sept 2013

66% -- seek approval when working above the approved year level

66% -- need to teach the syllabus within the year level on the child's registration certificate

66% -- failure to understand the unique nature of home education

66% -- new and pronounced emphasis on regulation, and focus on written assessment

66% -- referencing specific NSW Syllabus outcomes restrictive, limiting, time consuming, onerous, burdensome paperwork – take time away from teaching and helping children learn

50% -- difficult to incorporate individual learning needs, styles, interest, pace, talents and abilities

50% -- unhappy about removal of spectrum of home education approaches – force a one-size-fits-all 'school-at-home' approach to home education on families

50% -- concerned at lack of consultation, removal of SHEN and Muslim Network, only HEA mentioned, and OBoS implementing the changes prior to the publication

50% -- unhappy about multiple visits by APs, including spot checks

33% -- changed attitude and tone – focus on regulation and assessment: home educators not funded, resources or supported in any way. Program Builder unavailable to new applicants

33% -- confused about only learning delivered in the home counting towards registration

33% -- request immediate withdrawal of the revised Information Pack by OBoS, or for legislative change

20% -- makes it more difficult for group learning

20% -- wanted clarification for the reasons behind the revision

15% -- new focus on time spent learning (doesn't reflect understanding of home education)