PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC ACCESSING OF *STAFF IN AUSTRALIA'S SCHOOLS* (SiAS) DATA

Purpose

These Protocols are intended to guide the public access to, and use of data collected from, the Australian Government-funded *Staff in Australian Schools survey* (SiAS), which is available from the SiAS National Data File (NDF), deposited with the Australian Social Science Data Archive. Further information about SiAS can be obtained from the SiAS final report, available from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) website at:
www.dest.gov.au/sectors/school_education/publications_resources/profiles/sias2007

Who Protocols apply to

These protocols are intended to apply to users who can demonstrate a research or professional interest, in relation to the Australian school workforce.

Principles

The general principles underlining the public access of data from SiAS are to:

- inform and assist Australian school workforce planning;
- inform and improve analysis and research into the Australian school workforce;
- maintain standards of data quality in relation to understanding and interpretation; and
- protect the privacy of individuals and confidentiality of data.

Protocols covering release of SiAS data

1. Access to data from the SiAS NDF will be restricted for research, professional or statistical purposes only. Access is not to be used for commercial or financial gain. Users will need to demonstrate that they have a research or professional interest, in relation to the Australian school workforce, in data available from the SiAS NDF.

2. The privacy of persons and organisations information held on the SiAS NDF is protected. The SiAS NDF will not enable individual schools or teachers to be identified.

3. Users must demonstrate that `the data they would access from the SiAS NDF will be securely protected. They will need to provide an undertaking to preserve the confidentiality of the records obtained.

4. Users must meet any costs that may be incurred in accessing the data.

5. The SiAS NDF will only include national level data. Data will not be disaggregated, for example, at State / Territory or regional level.

6. Published work generated from the SiAS NDF data must:

    - provide appropriate clarification, explanations and caveats to promote understanding and interpretation;
    - acknowledge the source of the data and include a clause that the views expressed can be attributed only to the authors; and
    - include a standard acknowledgement.

7. Users must to advise DEEWR beforehand of any intention to publish data from the SiAS NDF and would be required to provide copies of those papers or publications to DEEWR..

8. Users must make an undertaking to observe these protocols if they access data from the SiAS NDF..