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ALERT: AEU FEDERAL CONFERENCE 2007

Keynote address: Fred van Leeuwen, General Secretary Education International

What: Keynote address by Fred van Leeuwen, General Secretary Education International :

- *In less than ten years, the world will be short 18 million primary school teachers, perhaps the most serious challenge the teaching profession has ever faced.*
- *Australia ranks in the bottom half of OECD countries in per capita education expenditure and Government funding in Australia is extremely low. Yet private input into education in Australia is higher than every other OECD country bar the USA and Korea.*
- *With only 35% of funding going to the 68% of Australian students attending public schools, it becomes apparent that the Federal Government has become principally a funder of private schooling in Australia.*

Followed by media conference with Australian Education Union President Pat Byrne.

When: 11:15am, Tuesday January 16, 2007

**Where: Marque Hotel (formerly the Chifley)
102 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra
Menzies Ballroom**

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