The findings of an independent inquiry into the administrative and management structures within the Central Australian Office of the Department of Employment, Education and Training have been tabled in Parliament today.

Minster for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said he had commissioned the report in December last year in response to concerns raised by a number of Central Australian teachers about their dealings with the DEET office in Alice Springs.

“I am pleased to table the final report today. It is a comprehensive document that gets to the bottom of a range of issues at the office to do with management and administration structures, as well as disciplinary and grievance processes,” Mr Stirling said.

“It offers a range of recommendations to improve these structures and processes.

“Importantly, both DEET and the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment have already begun the work to resolve these issues and restructure the office.

“DEET’s Central Australian Office has a vital role to play in supporting teachers and schools in the region, as well as contributing to the development of Central Australia and local residents’ futures.

“This report and the work already underway to improve structures and procedures at the office, are providing DEET a way forward to achieve those goals.”

The report will be available on the OCPE website: www.nt.gov.au/ocpe

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