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Dear Mrs Cordy

Thank you for your letter of 20 August 2022 to the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, the Prime Minister, regarding the work of the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Association. The Prime Minister has asked the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to respond on his behalf.

Thank you for the important work that the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations does in supporting and advocating for the teaching and learning of languages in Australian schools. The Government agrees that more Australian children learning languages is important for our society and our economy. The ability for Australians to learn the language of their families and community members allows us to help celebrate and keep alive Australia's diverse cultures and traditions, in addition to preparing us for the economy and jobs of the future.

The Government recently committed to helping more Australian children learn a second language from a younger age by providing grants to community language schools. This is in addition to the commitment to teach local Indigenous languages in primary schools around the country by partnering with First Nations people.

As you will appreciate, the Prime Minister receives numerous meeting requests from organisations across Australia. In the first instance, we have referred your request to the Hon Jason Clare MP, the Minister for Education, who has portfolio responsibility for the issues you have raised.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Megan Leahy', consisting of a large, stylized 'M' and 'L'.

Megan Leahy
Assistant Secretary
15 September 2022