

## Information Sheet No.34

# The School Board Chairs' Network

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The School Board Chairs' Network was established in 2006 to replace the former School Board Forum. It meets once per term.

The role of the network is to assist the Department in exercising its responsibilities in the area of government schooling and administration and management by:

- assisting in the resolution of relevant issues following appropriate consultation;
- identifying significant issues of concern;
- providing a forum for information exchange and the formulation of viewpoints and providing representatives for the Government Schools Education Council (GSEC), departmental committees and working parties and facilitating reporting between those representatives and Board Chairs.

The other role of the network is to assist Board members, particularly Board Chairs, in exercising their responsibilities under the Education Act 2004 by:

- Providing information and training to Board Chairs about those responsibilities;
- Providing a forum for information sharing between Board Chairs about current issues; and
- Providing an opportunity for Board Chairs to obtain information from the Minister and senior officers of the Department regarding current issues. ★