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## VICTORIAN COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOLS PRESENT TO PANEL ON LANGUAGES EDUCATION STRATEGY

On Monday February 15, 2010 Community Languages Australia and the Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria (ESAV) presented to the Panel on Languages Education, chaired by the Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Steve Herbert MP.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Education released the *Victorian Languages Strategy Discussion Paper* in December 2009. The Panel is now embarking on a consultation process to inform the development of the Languages Strategy in 2010. of 9 *Victorian Languages Strategy Discussion Paper 2009* to <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/consultation>

The Presentation addressed specific aspects of the *Victorian Languages Strategy Discussion Paper 2009*

Stefan Romaniw OAM presented to the Panel with assistance from AFESA Chairman Tassos Douvartzides and ESAV Executive Officer Fahry Abubaker.

The Presentation included some of the following:

- A review of Languages Policy from 1986-2009 highlighting the importance of stability in programs if policies were going to be effective.
- Community languages schools were under represented in the Paper
- All languages were important and that the policy must articulate how all Languages would be catered for
- Flexibility in programs is important
- Commitment from Ministers and Departments was critical

The presentation in general outlined how community languages school and sector contribute to delivering and contributing the overall delivery of languages education and social cohesion.

A vibrant discussion followed the presentation which highlighted the important role community languages school play.

A copy of the presentation is attached