



## **VISITING YOUR LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

### **1. MAKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR LOCAL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

- Call the electoral office,
- Explain the purpose of your call and
- Request a meeting to discuss community languages schools, importance of languages in education and support for an increase in per cap it funding

### **2. HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WHAT NEXT?**

Once you have an appointment you need to PREPARE

Members of Parliament have many issues to deal with in a range of areas.

Whilst this issue is your passion your local MP is expected to have the passion for many issues

#### **THEREFORE**

You should provide short, succinct information

You could prepare a brief outlining the following or speak to these points

1. Purpose of your visit
2. Information about your program, your school(s)
3. Evidence of activity
4. Brief overview of State and National community languages schools activity e.g. State and National Conference Training courses PD, Quality Assurance
5. The importance of coordination, quality assurance , accreditation
6. Outline current support afforded through DE&T and DEST (included in brief)
7. Outline issues of rent (if it is an issue with your school
8. What has transpired – happened so far to seek support
  - What do you want for the MP?  
Support for your proposal
  - That they contact Minister Kosky' s Office , Liz Beattie, John Pandazopoulos and convey their support,
  - Ask what the current situation is in terms of an increases in the election commitments
9. Ask the MP to come back to you with the information.

You should give a balanced opinion and deliver a balance and objective request, providing information based on current activities and support and the reasons for an increase.

**Provide ESAV with any feedback you may have.**

#### **Who should go?**

It would beneficial if schools in the same geographical area coordinated visits and went as a delegation, rather than having each school going individually. That would a more efficient way of spending your time and that of the MP