

PREFACE

The Commonwealth Casebook for Administrators in Post-Secondary Education is the third publication to be produced jointly by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration. The first - the Commonwealth Directory of Qualifications and Courses in Educational Administration, originally published in 1974 and now in its third edition - is a reference guide to those institutions in the Commonwealth that offer educational administration as a course of study. The second - The Commonwealth Casebook for School Administrators (1982) - contains a comprehensive consideration of the theoretical and methodological issues underlying the case-study approach, together with a number of extended and mini-cases covering various areas of school management. It may be considered as a companion volume to the present one in which there are nine case studies focusing on post-secondary levels of education, mostly in universities and colleges though also in relation to the particular problems arising out of nomadism.

The Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration is a non-governmental organisation with over 3,500 members. Its major aims are to foster high standards in the practice and study of educational administration and the preparation of educational administrators; to hold Commonwealth-wide and regional conferences on various aspects of educational administration; to facilitate the dissemination of information about research and practice in educational administration; to facilitate the exchange between member countries of teachers, students and practitioners of educational administration; and to encourage the establishment in Commonwealth countries of national associations of those concerned with the improvement of educational administration. It gives priority to providing practical assistance to educational administrators in the less developed countries of the Commonwealth. Further information may be obtained from the Executive Director, Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration, University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351, Australia.

The Commonwealth Secretariat's work in education is not confined to educational administration, but extends into other sectors in response to the recommendations made by Commonwealth Ministers of Education at their triennial conferences. Details of these educational activities and related publications may be obtained from the Director, Education Programme, Human Resource Development Group, Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX.