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Dear Gwenda

ASSEMBLY'S EQUALITY ANNUAL REPORT 2005-06 - CONSIDERATION BY EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING AND SKILLS (ELLS) COMMITTEE

Further to your letter of 18 May, the ELLS Committee considered the ELLS section of the Equality Annual Report when it met on 18 October. I attach a copy of the paper that the Committee considered for easy reference.

Some concerns were expressed that the additional educational needs of the children of migrant workers need to be fully considered in making educational provision. One specific issue that needs to be considered for this group is support for learners of English as an additional language. However, there may be other aspects of additional education needs provision that needs to be thought through in the context of this group of children.

Otherwise, the Committee was broadly content with the extract it considered and that the ELLS Minister and her Department have carried out their statutory duties in respect of the promotion of equality of opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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