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Follow-up inquiry into childcare and parental employment

Dear Jenny,

Thank you for your letter dated 3 January. As Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, I would very much welcome the opportunity to be involved in your inquiry into childcare and parental employment. As you eluded too in your letter the Committee's collaborative approach on cross-cutting issues has previously been very positive and constructive.

As you are aware the issue of childcare and parental employment has been raised during our inquiry into access to education and childcare for disabled children and young people.

As part of the evidence gathering process, we meet with parents, carers and organisations who said that it was a challenge for them of children and young people with disabilities and / or additional needs to secure and maintain paid employment. Summary notes from these meetings are available on the inquiry [webpage](#) together with all the meeting [transcripts](#) and consultation [responses](#) which you may find helpful.

You will also be aware that, we [wrote](#) to the Minister for Economy on this issue and recently received a [response](#).

Should you require any further information on the above please contact the Clerking team.

I very much look forward to working with your Committee again and to receiving the relevant meeting information.

Yours sincerely,

Jayne Bryant

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.