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Dear Ann,

**Children, Young People and Education Committee – Consultation on the draft  
Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill**

Following the publication in July of the draft Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill for consultation, I am pleased to inform you that I have published today an initial working draft of a proposed Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Code, alongside an outline plan for implementation of the proposed new ALN system. I committed in June to publishing the draft Code and draft implementation plan with a view to supporting the consultation on the draft Bill. My Written Ministerial Statement refers:

<http://gov.wales/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2015/pubdraftalncode/?lang=en>

This completes the package of supporting documents for the consultation on the draft Bill. Although these are working documents, upon which we are not currently consulting, they will provide those responding to the consultation on the draft Bill with a fuller picture of how we see the new system operating, and the key principles in respect of implementation. I hope, therefore, that they will help inform responses to the consultation on the draft Bill and form the basis of ongoing engagement with stakeholders, as we continue to develop the

draft Bill and Code so the next Welsh Government will be in a position to introduce a Bill early in the next Assembly.

I look forward to reading the Committee's response to the draft Bill and supporting documents, and having their continued support in delivering reform to better support children and young people with additional learning needs.

Best Regards  
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