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Draft Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill

Dear Huw

Thank you for attending the Children, Young People and Education Committee meeting on 26 November to give evidence on the draft Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill. At the meeting, there were a number of questions that Members were unable to ask due to time constraints, and we agreed to follow this up in writing. I would, therefore, be grateful if you could provide a response on the questions below.

- Whether you envisage a similar balance between the number of learners whose IDPs are the responsibility of schools and those that are the responsibility of local authorities, to the current balance between those on either School Action or School Action Plus and those with statements.
- Your comments on the perception that there will be less detail prescribed on the process that has to be followed in terms of assessment - timescales and who will need to be consulted etc.
- In what ways do the proposed arrangements for post-16 provision account for vocational career paths (such as work-based learning) and entry and transition for young people with ALN into the world of work?
- Can we have a brief overview of what the 'expanded remit' of the Tribunal will consist of?



- What recourse will be available to learners and their families regarding disputes over health-related aspects of ALN provision?

As you are aware, the Committee will be providing a formal response to your consultation on the draft Bill, which will be issued before the consultation deadline of 18 December.

Yours sincerely



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