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Dear Lynne and Mick,

Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill

In my response to both the Children, Young People and Education and Constitutional and Legislative Affairs committees following stage 1 scrutiny of the Childcare Funding (Wales) Bill, I outlined my aim to share an initial framework draft of the administrative scheme ahead of stage 3.

The draft framework scheme is attached for the Committees' consideration; it is a work in progress. As previously indicated, I would welcome the opportunity to return to the Committee in the spring to discuss the scheme in more detail.

During the Stage 2 Committee session on 18 October 2018, I also committed to exploring ways in which we could ensure full transparency in respect of the hourly rate paid to childcare providers delivering the Childcare Offer. This was, in part, in response to amendment 32 tabled by Janet Finch-Saunders AM.

Having given this further thought, I have come to the conclusion that my preferred approach would be to include information on the hourly rate in the administrative scheme, which will of course be published and reviewed as and when appropriate. I hope this will help provide the reassurance that the committee is seeking around the Government's intentions to publish details of the hourly rate.

Yours sincerely

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