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Dear *Jimmy*

**FOLLOW UP FROM ORAL 4 – 8 OCTOBER 2013**

I agreed to write to you to provide the statistics in relation to youth unemployment across the four Belfast constituencies.

The Department's management information is not captured on a constituency by constituency basis, therefore the information I have provided has been collated by Jobs and Benefits Office or JobCentre (JBO/JC) and aligned with the appropriate constituency as closely as possible. The JBO or JC catchment area may straddle two or more constituency areas, therefore the information provided is our best possible match and not statistically robust.

At Annex A you will see the following information by constituency: the number of clients assisted by the Employment Service off benefits and into employment; the Youth Employment Scheme performance to date; and number of clients participating in First Start opportunities.

I hope you find this informative.

Yours sincerely

**DR STEPHEN FARRY MLA**  
**Minister for Employment and Learning**

cc: The Speaker's Office  
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## Annex A

<b>18-24 YEAR OLDS ASSISTED INTO EMPLOYMENT 1 APRIL – 15 AUGUST 2013</b>		
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Served by Offices</b>	<b>Clients no longer in receipt of benefit having found employment</b>
Belfast North	North Belfast	117
Belfast East	Hollywood Road	134
Belfast South	Knockbreda	130
	Shaftesbury Square	174
Belfast West	Falls	99
	Andersonstown	182
	Shankill	115
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>951</b>

<b>YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SCHEME 1 SEPTEMBER 2012 – 4 OCTOBER 2013</b>					
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Served by Offices</b>	<b>Employer Agreements Signed</b>	<b>Opportunities Available</b>	<b>Young People taking up Placement</b>	<b>Young People Securing Employment</b>
Belfast North	North Belfast	38	112	34	10
Belfast East	Hollywood Road	41	99	50	13
Belfast South	Knockbreda	123	333	88	24
	Shaftesbury Square				
Belfast West	Falls	94	370	194	21
	Andersonstown				
	Shankill				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>296</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>68</b>

<b>FIRST START 1 APRIL – 4 OCTOBER 2013</b>		
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Served by Offices</b>	<b>Commenced First Start Opportunity at 4 October 2013</b>
Belfast North	North Belfast	36
Belfast East	Hollywood Road	12
Belfast South	Knockbreda Shaftesbury Square	39
Belfast West	Falls Andersonstown Shankill	81
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>168</b>