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Mervyn a chara

I am writing to you concerning a response which was provided during the urgent Oral Question Time in relation to cost-based teaching redundancy on Tuesday 24 June 2014.

Officials have advised me that, as a result of gathering information quickly to allow the urgent oral to be answered, there was a minor error in the figures presented regarding the number of redundancy applications received and refused by the Department of Education (DE).

Therefore, I would advise you that the accurate number and status of teacher redundancies received by DE on Tuesday 24 June 2014 is as follows:-

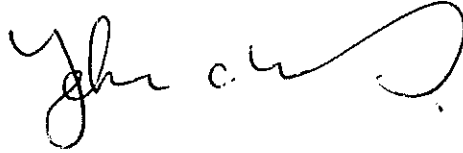
- 167 cost-based teaching redundancy applications received;
- 46 applications were approved as they related to teaching posts in schools in a closure/amalgamation situation;
- 30 applications were considered to meet the criterion but not approved at this stage due to unavailability of funding; and
- 91 applications were considered not to meet the criterion and, therefore, not approved.

I have subsequently identified funding to meet the costs of the 30 applications deemed to meet the criterion, giving a total of 76 teaching redundancy applications approved.



I wish to apologise on behalf of DE for any inconvenience.

I am copying this letter to the Speaker, all Members, the Business Office and the Assembly Library.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John O'Dowd', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

JOHN O'DOWD MLA
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