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**Committee for Education**

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Dear Veronica

**ETI and School Improvement Inquiry - inspections**

At its meeting on 6 November 2013, the Committee received a briefing from representatives of NIPSA as part of its Inquiry into the Education and Training Inspectorate and the School Improvement Process.

Following the evidence session, the Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information on the typical size and composition of inspection teams – i.e. how many District Inspectors, Associate Assessors etc. are involved. Members also sought clarification as to how ETI determines the frequency of inspections for schools and an indication of the typical and longest time periods between inspections.

A response by 22 November 2013 would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

**Peter McCallion**  
**Committee Clerk**