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Dear Peter

ETI AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INQUIRY – FORMAL INTERVENTION PROCESS

Following a briefing from the Department regarding the consultation feedback on proposed revisions to the Formal Intervention Process (FIP), the Committee has sought clarity on the two points listed below:

1. the number of schools which had responded to the consultation which are in, or have recently been in, the Formal Intervention Process; and
2. further information on the seven schools which will enter the Formal Intervention Process once the revised policy is introduced.

In addressing both in turn I can confirm that:

1. a total of four of the 17 schools which responded to the consultation, are in, or have recently, been in FIP; one school has since exited the process; and
2. of the seven schools referred to, four are from the 'controlled' sector, two are 'catholic maintained' and one school is from the 'other maintained' sector. The decision as to whether the seven schools (two primary, five post primary) would go into FIP would depend on the outcome of their follow-up inspection (FUI). Under the proposals in the consultation if the FUI evaluation remains as 'satisfactory' or regresses to less than 'satisfactory' the school would enter FIP. The school would then be given a further 12 months to improve to at least 'good' with targeted support being provided by the managing authority.

Yours sincerely

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