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Dear John

**REF: 482/09/1/37 – REVIEW OF SEN & INCLUSION EVENT**

I refer to Mervyn Storey's letter of 7 December 2009.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Minister's response.

Yours sincerely

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*A mervyn a chair*

Thank you for your letter of 7 December 2009 in which you have asked that Department of Education officials attend an event organised by the Education Committee on 20 January 2010 in connection with Review of SEN and Inclusion.

As you know officials have already held an extensive series of public meetings during September and have been actively engaged in further meetings with groups of young people, teachers' unions and other interested parties in recent months. Nonetheless I consider that, while the consultation process is ongoing, another opportunity for officials to engage with stakeholders would be helpful.

Whilst officials will be unable to provide responses to questions of detail on the options that are yet to be appraised, they will be able to provide clarification on the high level proposals as set out. It will also be possible to emphasise that the consultation process is ongoing and that a robust analysis of the responses will be undertaken before recommendations can be made on those proposals to be taken forward.

It will also be possible to give an assurance that the existing SEN framework will remain in place until any future policy has been agreed.

I am therefore happy for officials to attend this event.

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