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**To: Peter McCallion
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**From: Cathie White
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Date: 20 October 2015

Subject: Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) Bill

At its meeting yesterday, the Committee for Employment and Learning received a joint briefing from the Department for Employment and Learning and the Department of Education regarding the SEND Bill.

After the briefing the Committee considered whether to propose an amendment to the Bill to increase the age of Special Educational Needs statementing above 19 years of age. The Committee agreed that it would not propose an amendment to the SEND Bill.

The Committee agreed to write to the Department of Education requesting a copy of a report referred to by the DE official at the briefing. A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

I should be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

**Cathie White
Clerk to the Committee**

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Committee for Employment and Learning

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Dear Russell,

At its meeting yesterday, the Committee for Employment and Learning received a joint briefing from Department of Education and Department for Employment and Learning officials regarding the Special Educational Needs Disability Bill and agreed to write to you Department requesting the report on Special Needs Schools referred to by the Mrs Gillen during the briefing.

I should be grateful for a response by 3 November 2015.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C White'.

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