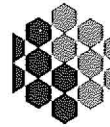


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Dear Ms McLaughlin

Work and Families Bill

Thank you for your letter of 22 May in relation to the Work and Families Bill which has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly by the Minister for Employment and Learning.

In your letter you have asked whether my Department is content with the provisions within the Bill which impact on my Department's remit, which the Committee understands to be fostering and adoption, pay and leave.

My officials have engaged with DEL officials to agree the relevant draft clauses which have now been included in the Bill. We have specifically worked towards including provision for adopters and foster carers who are prospective adopters. My officials will continue to provide assistance to DEL in the preparation of secondary legislation and guidance.

I trust you find this information useful.

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