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Dear Paul

Public Accounts Committee Evidence Session – Request for Follow Up Information

I wish to thank you and your officials for attending the Public Accounts Committee meeting on Wednesday, 11 November 2015. The meeting was extremely beneficial in providing the opportunity to discuss concerns and issues arising from the Audit Office report on the Sustainability of Schools.

A number of points were raised during the session and I write to request some additional information:

- a breakdown of the 2,222 pupils admitted to primary and post primary schools in 2014-2015 that were above the approved enrolment number;
- a breakdown of the number of schools that have been granted a temporary variation of their approved enrolment number and the reasons for the temporary variation;
- A timescale for the completion of the scoping exercise to assess the extent of work required to review school capacity;
- when the last appraisal was carried out on Dunmurry Primary School and an inspection was carried out before the case study by the NIAO;
- a copy of a sample letter that is sent to schools notifying them of their approved enrolment figure and what instructions/guidance is provided to the school in relation to this figure;

- a copy of the Review of Sure Start report; and
- a list of announced and unannounced inspection visits.

Please highlight in your response any redactions or restrictions on information that you provide to the Committee as this will be published as part of our inquiry.

If you are responding by email please use the email address above. I would request a response on the above issues by **3 December 2015**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michaela Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Michaela Boyle
Chairperson
Public Accounts Committee