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Dear Michaela,

You recently asked the following supplementary question to an Oral Assembly Question (AQO 2887/11-15) for answer on 19 November 2012: asked "Does the Minister have the figures on the number of young people from east Belfast and, indeed, Strabane who are not in education, employment or training"?

Estimates of young people not in employment, education or training are sourced to the Labour Force Survey (LFS). However, these estimates are not available at Parliamentary Constituency level (and most District Council Areas) as the LFS sample size and design does not support the production of sufficiently reliable estimates at these constituency levels.

For information, during the period July – September 2012, the LFS estimated that there were 8,000 (25.2%) 16-24 year olds in Belfast District Council Area who were not in employment, Government supported training or full-time education.

The LFS also estimated that during the period July – September 2012 there were 11,000 (21.1%) 16-24 year olds in the "North of Northern Ireland" NUTSIII area who were not in employment, Government supported training or full-time education. The NUTSIII area consists of the Ballymoney, Coleraine, Derry / Londonderry, Limavady, Moyle and Strabane District Council Areas.

I hope this information is helpful.

I am copying this letter to the Speaker.

Yours sincerely

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cc The Speaker's Office
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