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Dear Kathy

Thank you for your letter of 01 May 2026 seeking the views of the Department of Education (DE) in respect of the SL1 – The Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026.

DE officials are content that the SL1 and associated documentation are accurately aligned with the Special Educational Needs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026. Accordingly, please accept this as a nil response.

Furthermore, DE officials agree that additional work is required to fully assess the resourcing implications for SENDIST arising from the introduction of the new right of appeal following Annual Review. Further meetings have been scheduled to consider this matter in greater detail.

Yours sincerely

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