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To: **Janice Thompson, Clerk to Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs**

From: **Aoibhinn Treanor, Clerk to the Committee for Education**

Date: **18 June 2026**

Subject: **Areas with Natural Constraints (Payments) Bill**

Janice,

At its meeting on 17 June 2026 the Committee for Education considered your correspondence regarding Areas with Natural Constraints (Payments) Bill.

The Department of Education has advised that this is not a policy area within its remit.

That being the case, the Committee agreed to forward a nil response for this Bill.
I do wish you very well with the Committee Stage scrutiny of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Aoibhinn Treanor
Clerk to the Committee for Education