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Dear Ronnie

Public Accounts Committee Evidence Session

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) wishes to thank you and your officials for attending to give evidence to our inquiry into Managing the Schools' Estate on 12 April 2025.

Following the session, Members would be grateful if you could provide the following to assist in their considerations;

- Further details on the £91.6m bids to be made in the June monitoring round.
- A list of the PFI schools and the contract end dates
- Further information on the pilot for the decorating and floor covering work
- Further details on the new Term Service Contract
- Information on the maintenance dashboard
- A further breakdown of the school's maintenance budget by area and by constituency if possible
- Details of any work that the Department have done to establish best practice in dealing with the issues of school's maintenance.
- Confirmation of how much of the estate is currently single glazed.
- Details of how many critical safety issues have been picked up through the approximately 40% of condition surveys now completed.
- A further breakdown of the suggested 40% uplift of costs, were the Strule project to be retrofitted to meet net zero.

- Details of vacant properties across the schools estate.
- Further information on the governance groups currently in place, or to be stood up as a result of issues identified.

Please respond by email using the address above by Wednesday, **25 June 2025**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel McCrossan', with a small flourish at the end.

Daniel McCrossan
Chairperson
Public Accounts Committee