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From: Stella McArdle,
To: Jim McManus, Clerk to the Committee Enterprise, Trade & Investment
Date: 12 November 2014
Subject: Legislative Consent Motion for the Deregulation Bill

1. At its meeting of 11th November 2014, the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development considered your correspondence in relation to the Legislative Consent Motion for the Deregulation Bill.
2. The Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development agreed that the provisions in the Bill appear to be obsolete, it has no information and no concerns regarding the Deregulation Bill.

Stella McArdle

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To: Jim McManus
Clerk to the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment

From: Cathie White
Clerk to the Committee for Employment and Learning

Date: 10 November 2014

Subject: Deregulation Bill

Jim,

The Committee for Employment and Learning has received a response from the Department for Employment and Learning regarding The Deregulation Bill and will consider it at its meeting on 19 November 2014.

The Department's response is as follows:-

The Office of Chief Executive of Skills Funding was established by Part 4 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act (ASCL) Act 2009. Currently, under section 107 of the ASCL Act 2009, the Chief Executive of Skills Funding may make arrangements with permitted recipients, including Northern Ireland, for the provision of services that are required by Northern Ireland in connection with the exercise of its functions in relation to education or training. Before making such arrangements, the Chief Executive must obtain the consent of the permitted recipients.

One such service currently provided for Northern Ireland under this power is the provision of the Learning Records Service.

The Learning Records Service is a vitally important service which supports the sharing of data to the benefit of learners. Through the provision of a Unique

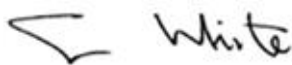
Learner Number (ULN) and Personal Learning Record (PLR), learners can build a lifelong record of their learning participation and achievements which they can access and choose to share with others.

The ULN and PLR are currently being used in the Further Education colleges and training sector in Northern Ireland. A major project is underway to roll out the ULN and PLR in schools, other branches in DEL, other Government Departments and across the community and voluntary sector.

The provisions within the Deregulation Bill will ensure that the Learning Records Service can continue to be provided for Northern Ireland following the transfer of powers from the Chief Executive to the Secretary of State when the Office of the Chief Executive of Skills Funding is abolished.

I should be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of your Committee.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathie White', with a stylized initial 'C'.

Cathie White
Committee Clerk