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Dear *Fra*

FOLLOW UP FROM ORAL 2 JUNE 2015

I agreed to write to you to provide information on vacancy figures held by the Employment Service relating specifically to the Performing Arts sector.

In the year from 31 May 2014 to 1 June 2015 there were 50 vacancies notified to the Employment Service's Jobcentreonline website. These vacancies were sector wide and included stage production, theatre assistant, performer, and musician as well as engineering and backstage support positions. The majority of these were opportunities offered through the Youth Employment Scheme.

While the data I am providing relates to vacancies notified to the Employment Service it is important to bear in mind that many vacancies relating to this specific sector are filled via a range of means. These include agents obtaining work for their clients as well as Equity, the trade union for professional performers and creative practitioners, having a Job posting section on its website specifically for its members.

Yours sincerely,



DR STEPHEN FARRY MLA
Minister for Employment and Learning

cc: The Speaker's Office
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