## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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Cathy Mason MLA has asked:

To ask the Minister of Education to detail (i) the number of times the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Stakeholder Engagement Forum has met; (ii) the stakeholders that make up the ELC Stakeholder Engagement Forum; and (iii) the number of times he has met with the ELC Stakeholder Engagement Forum.

ANSWER

- i. The Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Stakeholder Engagement Forum (SEF) has met on six occasions.
- ii. The stakeholders that make up the ELC Stakeholder Engagement Forum is set out in a table, which I have deposited in the Assembly Library.
- iii. I have met with the SEF on 2 occasions.

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Paul Givan MLA Minister of Education

## TAB A

## Organisations invited to attend the Early Learning and Childcare Stakeholder Engagement Forum

The SEF has around 50 members representing providers; regional early learning and childcare voluntary organisations; unions; parents; statutory services, officials from other Departments and allied health professionals.

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\*Other Government Departments/ ALBs, not listed here, may attend also by request.