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Dear Lewis

As the Scottish Parliament is currently dissolved due to the election period I am writing to you as Assistant Clerk of the Education and Culture Committee to confirm a couple of corrections in the Ministers letter dated 8 March 2016.

The corrections related to the third paragraph on page 3 of the letter which starts "Paragraph 19 focusses on the need for more robust and complete data". The paragraph should read as follows:

"Paragraph 19 focusses on the need for more robust and complete data numbers of deaf children and young people in Scotland, in particular the assertion that 'there is insufficient information on children with mild hearing loss and with no formal education plan in place'. As part of the pupil census collection, data is collected on the number of pupils who receive support through an educational plan, but also those who receive support through a Child's Plan and with 'Other Support Needs'. The 'Other Support Needs' category is designed to enable recording and reporting of the support provided to pupils as part of classroom or school provision but which does not need to be formalised through an educational plan. Therefore information for children whose additional support needs are such that formal planning mechanisms are not required, but for whom support is provided, are featured as part of the information collected within the pupil census. For pupils with a visual impairment the statistical information indicated that 64% of all pupils with a **visual** impairment have a CSP, IEP, Child Plan, or are Assessed/Declared disabled. The remaining 36% are recorded as having 'other support needs' and therefore their support is provided in the way described above. Similarly for pupils with a hearing impairment 64% of all

pupils with a **hearing** impairment have either a CSP, IEP, Child Plan, or are Assessed/Declared disabled and the remaining 36% are recorded as having 'other support needs'."

The corrections are highlighted in bold.

For clarity I would also like to confirm that the percentages are the same for both visual impairment and hearing impairment.

Yours sincerely

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