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James,

Thank you for your letter of 5 October requesting further information about the timescales for the research into children's experiences of additional support for learning and assurance that the work would be published and shared with the Committee. I can confirm that we are working towards having a contractor in place by the end of the year with research available by summer next year. The report of the research will be publically available and will be shared with the Committee.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that we intended to launch the consultation on the presumption of mainstreaming guidance on 2 November as part of the Presumption of Mainstreaming Debate in Parliament on the same day. Please find attached an embargoed copy of that guidance. We have also provided a copy to SPICE.

John



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