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Dear Angela,

As part of my Ministerial Questions on 4 November, a commitment was made by the Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology to write to you with information regarding the school leaders' survey on the National Literacy and Numeracy Programmes.

The survey of school leaders was undertaken as part of the independent evaluation of the National Literacy and Numeracy Programmes (NLNP) by independent research contractors. The survey was publicised earlier this year so that the researchers gained the views of a wide range of professionals and stakeholders. An interim report will be published December 2015 with a final report due for publication in 2016.

The data from the school leaders survey is currently being analysed by the independent researchers undertaking the evaluation of the programmes, and Welsh Government does not have access to the statistics.

The survey is one element of the evaluation. The survey is also being used to identify individuals to interview for more in-depth information and for case study subjects. The data from the survey and other fieldwork will be used to inform the final evaluation report to give us good understanding of the views of the profession with regard to how the NLNP has been implemented in schools in Wales. Early release of the data could affect future fieldwork and influence the responses given by participants in interviews, therefore potentially compromising the integrity of the wider evaluation.

The results of the survey were never intended to be published as a standalone output and are not official government statistics. However, in light of the Member's interest I will investigate publishing the data tables as an annex to the final report.

As a Government we have a duty to publish information that is accurate, reliable and authoritative. The information published may be used as a basis for our decisions and it is

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essential that it is correct. The work of the independent research contractors is being overseen by the Welsh Government Knowledge and Analytical Services, who are bound by the Government Social Research code of practice, and committed to openness and transparency in evaluating Government policy.

I hope you find the information of use

Best Regards
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