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Ann Jones AM,  
Chair,  
Children, Young People and Education Committee,  
Cardiff Bay.  
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Dear Ann,

**Children and Young People Committee: Inquiry into Educational Outcomes for Children from Low Income Households**

During my meeting with Committee on 6 February 2014, I undertook to provide further information on those schools referred to in a presentation given on the day.

In all, 5 schools were referenced during the presentation. Committee requested details, without making the identity of the schools obvious, of banding and Estyn inspection for the schools.

The first school referenced was highlighted as achieving relatively good outcomes for learners from deprived backgrounds. This school is currently in Band 3. The school's last Estyn Inspection took place in November 2010. At that time the school's performance and prospects for improvement were both rated as adequate. The school was asked to produce an action plan to demonstrate how it would address the recommendations with progress monitored by Estyn.

The second school referenced was one where both overall performance and the performance of FSM learners was low. This school is currently in Band 5. The school's last Estyn inspection took place during March 2013. At that time the school's performance was judged as unsatisfactory and prospects for improvement as adequate. The school was asked to produce an action plan to demonstrate how it would address the recommendations with progress being monitored by Estyn.

The third school was one where there were lower levels of FSM learners but as a group they seemed to be performing well. This school is currently in Band 4. Estyn last inspected the school in October 2008 and determined that the school at that time was very good with outstanding features in learners' achievements, the quality of education provided and in the leadership and management of the school.

The final two schools to be referenced were two with the lowest FSM levels of the schools represented in the presentation. The first of these is currently in Band 2. Estyn last inspected the school in March 2010 and reported that it was an outstanding school that achieves exceptionally high standards of achievement as a result of innovative and consistently high quality teaching and leadership. The second of these schools is also in Band 2 and when last inspected in March 2011 Estyn reported that performance was judged as excellent and the school's prospects for improvement were rated good.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huw', with a small horizontal line underneath.

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