EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

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Via email only

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Dear John

2018 exam diet: curriculum and attainment

At its meeting on 19 September the Committee heard evidence from a panel of academics and representatives from the SQA about curriculum and attainment trends following the 2018 exam diet. It is likely to undertake further work in this area either later this year or in the first quarter of 2019.

The Committee heard evidence based around the findings of two pieces of research: the first by Professor Jim Scott, University of Dundee; and the second by Dr Marina Shapira, University of Stirling.

We are interested in receiving the Scottish Government’s perspective on these findings and the other themes which emerged during the evidence session.


It would also be useful to know if the Government is undertaking or planning any relevant work in this area and the associated timescales for publication.

I should be grateful for a response by 22 October 2018.

Yours sincerely

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