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Dear Convener

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF P1 ASSESSMENTS

Further to the parliamentary statement I made on 25 October 2018 announcing an independent review of P1 assessments, I am writing to advise you that I have appointed David Reedy, Independent Literacy Consultant and General Secretary of the United Kingdom Literacy Association (UKLA) to lead this review. A small review team will be working together across the spring term of 2019 to gather evidence to support the review. Details are currently being negotiated regarding the membership of the review team, which will feature a range of Scottish educators and early years' representatives, as well as HMIE. In addition, retired academic Eve Bearne has also been appointed to support Mr Reedy in this role. The detailed remit for the review will be finalised and agreed shortly.

The review will begin in January 2019 and will provide recommendations by May 2019.

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